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Ex-professor, Clonaid claim to have cloned first human

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NEWS EDITOR

On December 27th, 2002 an ex-Hamilton College professor announced news of the world's first cloned baby.

At a Florida conference well attended by an international press core, Dr. Brigitte Boisselier said that her company, Clonaid, had facilitated the birth of a clone baby to an unidentified couple earlier that month.

The company is affiliated with the Raelian religion, a sect that claims space aliens populated the Earth by creating the human race.

Scientific Director of the sect and Director of Clonaid, Boisselier had been employed as a visiting associate professor of chemistry at Hamilton just last spring.

While to date Clonaid has yet to put fourth any evidence to validate their claim, and many scientists believe that the assertion is a hoax, the resulting media frenzy has brought attention to both the Raelian religion, and to Boisselier herself.

Boisselier received a master's degree in biological chemistry and a doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Dijon in France, and another doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Houston. She later began work with the French chemical company Air Liquide, a job she retained for 12 years.

During her tenure at Air Liquide, Boisselier grew interested in the science of cloning. She took a particular interest in the 1997 cloning of Dolly the sheep, an event she believed to be in fulfillment of a Raelian prophecy; years before, the French prophet Rael, spiritual leader of the Raelians, had predicted that following a successful mammalian cloning, the cloning of humans would be imminent, *Newsday* reported.

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Italian gynecologist Severino Antinori, U.S. colleague Panayiotis Zavos , and Director of Clonaid Dr. Brigitte Boisselier, a former Hamilton College professor, speak before the U.S. Academy of the Sciences in Washington, D.C.

However in 1997, just four weeks after sharing with the Paris daily *Le Monde* her belief that cloning humans was ethical, Boisselier was fired from her job.

Air Liquide spokeswoman Joelle Ambon defended her company, noting that Boisselier's leadership position within the Raelian movement had taken too much time from her obligations to the chemical company. Boisselier later sued for religious discrimination and won the suit on appeal.

Shortly thereafter, Boisselier moved into a community of Raelians outside of Montreal, a location near the Raelian "home base," a white barn emblazoned with the word "UFOLand" just an hour outside of the city.

In Canada, the scientist was able to devote much of her time to Clonaid. Although working

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Car hits student on Campus Road

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

A Hamilton student was involved in an automobile accident on Thursday evening. Just after 7:00 p.m. Alex Richmond '06 was struck by a Honda Legacy headed south on Campus Road. The accident took place in front of Minor Theater.

"We were walking to Minor Theater for play auditions," said Sam Peskin '06, who was with Richmond at the time of the accident. "A first car passed, and then a second came, going really fast. I jumped out of the way, but he was hit by the car. Apparently they just didn't see us," he added.

Peskin recalled that although Richmond was first "on top of the car" and later thrown off the vehicle, he "got up and walked away from the accident." Peskin then called Campus Safety.

In addition to Campus Safety, College EMTs, the Clinton Fire Department, and the Kirkland Police Department arrived on the scene.

Richmond was sent to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. According to Director of Campus Safety Patricia Ingalls, Richmond sustained only "minor bruising and a leg injury."

The driver of the car, also a student, was a visitor to Hamilton College. As a result of the accident, the Honda's windshield was shattered and the driver's sideview mirror was damaged.

Raccoon attack, deer population raise concern over wildlife safety

by Bill Chenevert '05
NEWS EDITOR

The Hamilton College campus is facing some serious wildlife concerns this winter. In addition to the large numbers of deer causing accidents on College Hill Road, a WSI worker (WSI is the college's garbage collection contractor), was attacked and bitten by a rabid raccoon. He was treated for rabies with a set of painful shots after having his leg sown up with stitches. College Hill Road residents, Rogers Estate residents, and residents of more forested areas of campus such as Wallace Johnson House, DKE Residence Hall, the Bundies, Major, and McIntosh should be aware of and watch out for animals that should be hibernating this winter.

On Wednesday the 15th, Physical Plant was notified of the presence of a rabid raccoon on North Village Road in the garage of Dick Tantillo, Vice-President of Communications and Development. North Village Road leads down to Rogers Estate between Eells and Ferguson. Terry Hawkridge, assistant director of Physical Plant, explained: "When the Physical Plant workers arrived, they tried to get the raccoon out of the garage with a broom. The raccoon bit on the broom and would not let go as the employees dragged the animal outside. Once outside, the Physical Plant workers left the raccoon to avoid getting bitten."

A little while later, WSI employees arrived to collect garbage from the Tantillo residence when the raccoon came over a snow bank and clamped his jaw one of the employee's legs. The raccoon would not let go and would not release his bite on the leg as his coworker attacked the raccoon with a hammer. Finally, his brave coworker strangled the raccoon because it would not release its grip on the bite victim.

Diane Lynch, a Registered Nurse at the Health Office and Director of the Hamilton College Emergency Medical Services (HCEMS), explained

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Campus Safety extinguishes dorm fire

by Sarah Karalunas '04
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A fire in Major 118 at 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 17 forced students staying in the dorm to evacuate for the remainder of the night, said Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry. Most of the students living in the dorm returned to their rooms the next day. However, students living in the room where the fire occurred will not return to their room until later today when the repairs are complete, said Landry.

No one was injured in the fire.

Although Campus Safety officers, who were alerted to the fire when the alarm in the building went off, called the Clinton Fire Department, the fire department chose not to send personnel to the scene, said Campus Safety Evening Supervisor Wayne Gentile.

The Campus Safety Officers present extinguished the fire themselves using five to seven fire extiguishers, said Gentile and Landry. After the fire had been put out, the Assistant Fire Chief and another staff member arrived at the scene in their personal vehicles and decided not to bring other staff or equipment to the fire.

"Initially when the fire alarm went off, the department didn't have a driver for the truck," said Patricia Ingalls, director of campus safety. "Campus Safety had already arrived, extinguished the fire and brought everything that had burned outside. Campus called to tell them they 'had everything under control.'"

Ingalls reported that the assistant fire chief arrived on the scene shortly thereafter.

Gentile said that it is not standard for the Clinton Fire Department to not respond to fires at the College.

The fire department did not return phone calls to comment on the decision.

The cause of the fire, which started in a couch in the dorm room, has not been officially determined, said Landry; however, the burn pattern suggests that a cigarette was to blame.

The student living in the room at the time told the fire department that he had been smoking earlier in the evening.

The fire caused significant damage to the room it occurred

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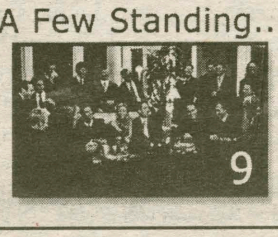

College undertakes facilities assessment

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton College is in the midst of a Facilities Assessment that, when completed, will detail for Physical Plant the maintenance priorities for the future.

Conducted by an independent architectural firm, Design Partnership, which is based out of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Assessment looks at every building on campus to evaluate its overall condition and catalog what needs to be done.

"It's a benchmark," said Steve Bellona, Director of Physical Plant. "We can see how we are doing and what needs to be done." The Assessment started by reviewing four buildings, Carnegie, Root, Major and the Admissions building. Over Christmas, the rest of the residence halls were done and by next week, the academic buildings will be completed. The exteriors of the buildings will be evaluated in the spring, once the snow melts.

According to Bellona, Hamilton encompasses over 1.6 million gross square feet of building space.

So far, Bellona says the Assessment is going well. "In many ways, I think we are in good shape," he said. "Nobody's going to have a perfect building, but its mostly maintenance issues."

This is the first time in recent history that the entire campus has been reviewed. Previously, the Dormitory Authority would assess every three years the buildings for which they has issued financial bonds to the college to help pay for the construction or remodeling of the building. Bellona said that these reviews mainly turned up fairly minor issues that the college then addressed.

The Assessment is anticipated to be completed by late April or early May, at which time Physical Plant can evaluate the final results. Design Partnership will prioritize the findings, which will be based on what needs to be done immediately to what can wait for a few or more years. Bellona said the priorities would be anything that presents safety issues.

Having this list, Bellona added, will enable Physical Plant to set a budget for upcoming projects as well as request any additional funds for things that need correcting. Hamilton will also be able to be compared to comparable institutions, which will also provide the college with a better sense of where it stacks up.

The Facilities Assessment costs the college $65,000.

U.S. seeks support from Europe for war with Iraq

by Chris Takacs '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Despite the announcements by the leaders of both France and Germany that they will seek a peaceful resolution to the Iraq crisis, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell stated Thursday that should America go to war, it would not have trouble rallying support from its European allies. "I don't think we will have to worry about going it alone," stated Powell at a meeting with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw.

Earlier in the week, Britain authorized the transportation of over ten thousand troops to the Gulf, a week after America further increased the number of its soldiers in the area.

The meeting came as representatives from Iraq's neighbors met in Istanbul, appealing to Saddam Hussein to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors to minimize the risk of another war in the Gulf, which they perceive could destabalize the entire region.

"The counties of this region do not wish to live through yet another war and all its devastating consequences," read Turkish Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis from a joint communiqué. "We therefore solemnly call on the Iraqi leadership to move irreversibly and sincerely towards assuming their responsibilities in restoring peace and stability in the region."

AP
U.N. Weapons Inspection team members arrive in Baghdad.

Yakis, however, insisted that there was no question of asking Hussein to step down to prevent war in Iraq.

Meanwhile, a top U.N. weapons inspector reported that the inspection team will deliver its assessment for the past two months this coming Monday in a series of speeches, not written reports. The "update," as inspector Hans Blix called it, will also not feature samples taken from Iraq. Blix, who heads the U.N Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and his team have uncovered 16 warheads since January 9, and have criticized Iraq for not accounting for them in its 12,000-page dec-

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Dinner honors King's legacy

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

On Monday, January 20th, members of the Hamilton community gathered in the Annex to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Dean of Students Office (Multicultural Student Affairs) and the Chaplaincy organized a dinner and program that featured poems, songs, readings, and performances by Hamilton students and faculty that paid tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Marc David, Assistant Dean of Students for Multicultural Student Affairs, remarked that Monday night's program was well-presented and well-attended. "Because Monday was the first day of class, finding speakers and performers was difficult. However, once members of the Hamilton community had a chance to check their email, they submitted suggestions for the program."

Among Monday night's performers were Tumbling After, Doc Woods' Jazz Quartet, and members of Hamilton's Gospel Choir. Even the audience participated in a rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," an African-American anthem written by James Weldon Johnson.

Additionally, President Tobin, Professor Maurice Isserman, and Reverend Jeff McArn gave speeches on the importance of Dr. King's work to today's society, as well as the significance of Dr. King's message as it pertains to Hamilton and its population.

Students also had the opportunity to participate in the event. Roxanne Paisable '06, Lauren Marquis '04, and Koert Wehburg '03 shared poems inspired by or relevant to Dr. King's life and work.

David continued, "We chose to organize the event to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King on the day designated for this purpose. The purpose of the event was to bring the Hamilton community together in remembrance of Dr. King. Because Dr. King is an international figure, we tried to include something on the program that appealed to everyone."

Monday's dinner and program were the first on the Hill; the Hamilton community usually recognizes the holiday through the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Project.

"We also organized the program as a precursor to the MLK Community Service Project," noted David.

This Saturday, January 25th, the 5th annual MLK Community Service Project will bring volunteers from Hamilton to the Utica Boys and Girls Club, local museums, nursing homes, and other nearby locations to donate their time and efforts in celebration of Dr. King's legacy.

David hopes that Monday's dinner, like the Community Ser vice Project, will continue to serve as a means of celebrating Dr. King's work. "We would like to look at other events for next year, like possible debates, oratorical contests, movies, and plays that depict the Civil Rights Movement and the life of Dr. King. We thought the program went well and hope it designates the beginning of a tradition at Hamilton," he added.

AAF, Adams "debate believers"

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

On Monday, December 9, 2002, Professor John Adams (of the Rhetoric and Communications Department) gave a lecture entitled "Debating Believers" at the Atheists, Agnostics, and Freethinkers of Hamilton's weekly meeting.

Professor Adams spoke to a group of about 30 students and AAF members on the art of persuasion and the concept of debate, specifically how knowledge of these subjects would help atheists, agnostics, and freethinkers debate the presence of God to those who believe in a higher power.

AAF president Eric Bowman '03 chose to host Professor Adams because "John Adams is well liked and respected by students his role as a guest speaker [attracted] many students to come who would not ordinarily attend AAF meetings. His knowledge of the nuances of argument and rhetoric brings a dimension to the AAF that we have never had before."

Adams opened his lecture by remarking that humans are "rational, passionate, ethical beings" that have "a complicated and complex web of beliefs," therefore, it is important to understand that "For every vision there is an equal and opposite revision." Adams noted, "religion is so spacious and so much about words," and a religious debate is often "the most vexed and vexing sight." He spoke on the tactics and techniques of good debating, including the importance of forethought, definition (of the debated issue), and factual evidence.

Adams continued, "When entering into debate, especially where the parties are as divided as they are when characterized as 'believers' and 'non-believers'—where there is little, if any, common ground, one must reflect on the outcome one is seeking. It is possible, when convictions are so strong and so opposed, to persuade one's debate partner to one's position? Probably not. Persuasion is a very complex social practice—there are no easy one-size-fits-all or "sure fire" strategies. It requires a quality of communication motivated by "practical wisdom" gathered from experience, theory, and talent. It seeks common ground."

At the close of Professor Adams' lecture, Bowman asked the audience a series of questions regarding the skill of persuasion (is tact and eloquence more important than logic and reason?); Bowman also presented a list of debate techniques he compiled for the meeting, as well as a list of reasons arguing both for and against the presence of God. Adams' is the third professor this year to speak at an AAF meeting. Earlier in the semester, AAF held a discussion entitled "Morality without God" where Professors Todd Franklin and Kathryn Doran spoke on the different philosophies with atheistic ethics.

Bowman explained, "Two or three times per semester we will bring in a guest speaker to help the students understand the more technical side of some of the issues that we cover. By doing this we can have more intelligent discussions. More people come to our meetings that feature a speaker. By bringing in guest speakers our message is spread to a larger number of Hamilton students."

The Atheists, Agnostics, and Freethinkers of Hamilton is a relatively new group on the Hill. Bowman started AAF last year "in reaction to a weekly bible study group." Bowman began holding weekly meetings in his dorm room "with my friends and several members of the bible group to discuss matters signifi-

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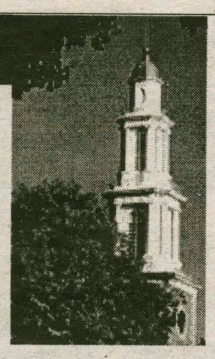

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Bush Ambiguous on College Admissions Stance

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Less than a week after declaring the University of Michigan's admissions policies "fundamentally flawed" and filing a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court arguing against the policies, President George W. Bush yesterday declined to take a more general stance on the use of race as a college admissions factor at a press conference.

Hours after Bush's comments, the Supreme Court announced oral arguments for both lawsuits against the University, which challenge the race-conscious admission policies of the Law School and College of Literature, Science and the Arts, will be heard back-to-back April 1.

Twice, Bush said the Supreme Court must "define the outer limits of the Constitution" by deciding whether universities can consider the race of an applicant.

"There are clearly unconstitutional means to achieve diversity," Bush said. "There are race-neutral ways to achieve diversity, which I have put in place as the governor of Texas, and that will lead the courts to define the outer limits of the Constitution."

As governor, Bush opposed the University of Texas' use of race in admissions, which was struck down by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. Instead, he supported a law guaranteeing admission to a state university to students in the top 10 percent of each high school's graduating class.

Brown U. President Criticizes Bush Policy

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — Brown University President Ruth Simmons openly criticized President George W. Bush's policies and lauded faith in social progress last Friday during an event at the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Simmons gave the keynote address at the 17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Breakfast held by the city of Chicago. The event honored King's vision of unity by bringing together community, religious and political leaders for a morning of prayer and speeches.

Mayor of Chicago Richard M. Daley and many local spiritual leaders attended the event.

Daley introduced Simmons as a "scholar, academic leader and a shining example of the power of education to transform people."

Various religious leaders speaking at the event celebrated the social progress made since King's time, while Simmons focused on what still needs to be improved. Warning against social complacency, a fervent tone of social and political criticism surged through Simmons' speech.

Simmons condemned social disinterest and the disappearance of selflessness and referred to King as "our prophet" who martyred himself for the freedom of others. She described our current society as one submerged in its prized "modern me-isms." Individualism has been distorted into a starkly unitary interest in oneself, Simmons said. Parents who refuse to shoulder the responsibilities of parenting and individuals vainly engrossed "in the pursuit of social status" bring about the erosion of community, she said.

Rival Fraternities in Calif. Clash; 1 Dead

SAN JOSE - An early morning brawl involving fraternity members armed with sticks and knives left one man dead on his 23rd birthday and several others injured Wednesday.

The large group from San Jose State University's Pi Alpha Phi and Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternities gathered about midnight at a suburban park. Pi Alpha Phi members from the University of California, Santa Cruz, also participated, police said. A neighbor reported the fight.

"They could hear somebody screaming 'Somebody's been stabbed!' " said Sgt. Steve Dixon, a police spokesman.

Four people were stabbed, including 23-year-old Alam Kim who died at a hospital. One person was treated for head trauma. The altercation apparently grew from a disagreement at a pool hall Monday and the groups agreed to meet in the park to settle things, Dixon said.

More than 60 of the fighting fraternity members and other witnesses remained at police headquarters Wednesday for questioning. There were no immediate arrests.

"A lot of questioning to do today to really try to piece together what happened. Who took part in this? What did they see? What did they do?" Dixon said.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Koreas Agree to Peaceful Nuke Resolution

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South and North Korea agreed early Friday to peacefully resolve the international standoff over North Korea's nuclear programs, according to a joint declaration released after Cabinet-level talks.

But South Korea acknowledged it had not been able to draw any compromises from the North over its nuclear programs during the two days of talks in Seoul.

AFP

In the joint declaration, the two sides said they had "sufficiently exchanged" positions on the nuclear issue and "agreed to actively cooperate to resolve this issue peacefully." They agreed to hold the next round of inter-Korean ministerial talks April 7-10 in Pyongyang and another round of inter-Korean economic talks Feb. 11-14 in Seoul.

Both sides also pledged to work toward reconciliation on the Korean peninsula, which has been divided since 1945. In a separate statement, the South Korean negotiators said they had been unable to win any compromises from the North. The South had been pressing the North to state specific steps for settling the international standoff peacefully.

3 Israelis Killed in West Bank Shooting

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian gunmen opened fire Thursday on three Israelis walking near a settlement in the West Bank, killing all of them, witnesses and rescue officials said.

The militant Islamic Hamas group took responsibility, issuing a leaflet saying the shooting was retaliation for attacks by Israeli settlers and the military against Palestinians and their property in the city of Hebron, known as a Hamas stronghold. The attack occurred at the Beit Haggai intersection near a settlement in the Hebron hills. It came just five days before Israelis vote for a new government.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who is running for re-election with a policy of harsh military reprisals against Palestinians following violence, is favored over his dovish opponent, Amram Mitzna, who favors negotiations with the Palestinians.

In the past, Palestinian attacks on the eve of Israeli elections have helped hard-line parties like Sharon's Likud, galvanizing Israeli fears of terror attacks and desires for reprisals. About 450 Israeli settlers live in three enclaves in the middle of Hebron, making it a flashpoint for violence. Sharon has said Israel cannot give up the hotly disputed holy site in Hebron - the Tomb of the Patriarchs, where the Bible says Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are buried. Mitzna favors withdrawal.

Israel TV reported that the Israeli vehicle was the target of a Palestinian ambush. Large numbers of Israeli soldiers were searching the area, the report said.

Thousands Homeless After Mexico Quake

TECOMAN, Mexico (AP) — Ignoring police blockades, residents filtered into the ghostly center of this city Thursday to see what was left of their homes and businesses after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake devastated the area.

The quake Tuesday killed 28 people, injured 300 and left 10,000 homeless. Though only four were killed in Tecoman, a third of the city's buildings were destroyed.

"Everything has changed. Everything is destroyed," Alma Montes de Oca, 25, said when she saw the collapsed real estate office where she works as a secretary. Across the street, Mexican sailors worked to clear chunks of concrete that had toppled into the street from a bank.

Of the 28 deaths, 25 were in the state of Colima, and the majority of those died in the state capital, also called Colima. The region is about 300 miles west of Mexico City.

Rescue efforts were called off Thursday. Officials said they had retrieved all the bodies and survivors from the rubble.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Four Marines Die in Texas Copter Crash

FALCON HEIGHTS, Texas (AP) — Two military helicopters taking part in a nighttime anti-drug patrol crashed and burned in the dusty scrubland near the Mexican border, killing all four Marine reservists on board.

The AH1W Super Cobra helicopters went down Wednesday night amid the brush and cactus about 110 miles northwest of Brownsville.

Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joe Kloppel said that he had no immediate information on the cause of the crash but that it was possible the helicopters collided.

"We heard a loud boom and all of a sudden the engines in helicopters quit, so I went outside and looked and there was a ball of fire," resident Larry Shoal said. He said he saw another fireball close by.

"There was nobody that could have survived that," said Shoal, 67. "There was no way to help them."

Each helicopter carried a crew of two from in Camp Pendleton, Calif., but was operating out of the Army's Fort Bliss in El Paso.

The names of the dead were not immediately released

N. Carolina Coast Braces for Rare Storm

NAGS HEAD, N.C. (AP) — A rare snowstorm hit the Outer Banks Thursday and was expected to drop as much as 10 inches - the first significant snowfall for the North Carolina coast in 13 years. Dare County, which includes most of the Outer Banks, closed schools and suspended trash collection until Monday after the first 3 inches fell, and the state was sending in snow plows because the county doesn't have any of its own.

Ace Hardware in Nags Head had about 50 shoppers stocking up on storm essentials Wednesday.

"We've sold all the snow shovels we had, which was about five," said manager Renee Thompson, adding that the shovels are usually used for sand, not snow.

The frigid air, which has been hurtling in from Canada for more than a week, froze most of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, and schools were closed in several states.

Minneapolis and Fargo, N.D., weren't expected to reach zero degrees Thursday, and temperatures were forecast to remain below freezing even as far south as Atlanta. Wind chill warnings and advisories were issued for more than two dozen states.

The Outer Banks are usually immune to such chills because it is insulated by relatively warm water, said Roy Pringle, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Morehead City.

Bush Plan: HUD Funds for Faith Groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants to give religious organizations access to federal housing money that could be used to erect or refurbish buildings where religious activities are held, so long as the groups also provide social services in those buildings.

Critics say the proposal, part of an array of "faith-based" initiatives pushed by President Bush the past two years, comes perilously close to crossing the constitutional divide between church and state and may foster discrimination by religious groups against people of other faiths.

This is destroying the notion that government and religion should remain separate," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Thursday.

But federal housing officials say the proposal would eliminate bias against religious groups that offer social services like homeless shelters and soup kitchens. "We are just leveling the playing field. This is part of an overall effort to end discrimination against faith-based organizations," said Housing and Urban Development Department spokeswoman Diane Tomb.

The proposal, published Jan. 6 in the Federal Register, covers programs that administer about $7.7 billion a year to communities. Exact guidelines are being worked out, said HUD general counsel Richard Hauser.

However, he said the proposed changes may, for example, let an organization use funding to build or renovate a room that is used sometimes as a homeless shelter, sometimes for church activities.

Director of Clonaid resigned from College to "focus on cloning"

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with Clonaid kept her busy, Boisselier grew interested in teaching. In 1999, she signed a one year contract with SUNY Plattsburgh before signing a three-year contract in June of 2000 to teach at Hamilton. Boisselier was hired by Hamilton as a temporary replacement for Professor of Chemistry Tim Elgren while he assumed the academic responsibilities of associate dean of the faculty.

According to Elgren, Boisselier stood out from the applicant pool because of her two PhDs and her outstanding recommendations from SUNY Plattsburg.

"We brought her here because she has incredible expertise in chemistry of small inorganic molecules," said Elgren in an April 2002 interview with *Newsday*. "We desperately wanted her to bring that expertise to our campus, which we don't have."

At the time of her hiring, the College had no idea of Boisselier's involvement in Clonaid.

While at the Hamilton, Boisselier taught courses in inorganic and analytical chemistry. The chemist did not include discussions of cloning in her classes, nor did she conduct any research on the Hill.

"She is an inorganic chemist with a background in biochemistry," noted Elgren. "She taught classes regarding the structure and function of biomolecules, nothing to do with cell biology or developmental biology... Also, there was no research being conducted at Hamilton. Within the range of her job she was doing what we had hired her to do: to teach classes," he added.

According to Professor George Shields, chair of the chemistry department, while on the Hill, Boisselier "kept to herself." He added that "she was quiet and soft-spoken" and "spent a lot of time in her office."

"Personally I didn't find her to be a very good teacher. We didn't learn very much in class," said Sarah Edeiken '03, a student of Boisselier's, noting that many students found her grading to be "somewhat arbitrary."

"She was most definitely a very intelligent woman," Edeiken added. "She had a great research background, but her teaching background was very slim, and it showed."

"She didn't speak English very well," noted Samantha Ioia '04 who had Boisselier for general chemistry in the fall of 2000.

"There were some strange points in the year when she wouldn't be in class for a week. When she came back she would say that she had been in Geneva on a book tour."

Nonetheless, overall, Ioia found Boisselier to be an "accommodating teacher." She noted that Boisselier "tried to help as much as possible."

However, Boisselier did not remain on the Hill for long. On February 4th, 2001, Boisselier's involvement in a project to clone humans came to light through an article published in the *New York Times Magazine.*

"The faculty were very surprised," said Shields. "It was a little like finding out that Madonna had been working in your building all year, incognito."

The student body was equally as surprised.

"It wasn't until after I had finished the class that I saw her on the morning news," recalled Ioia. "We really had no idea. The most we knew was that she was very interested in genetics and that she had a special interest in the analysis of blood."

"We were all shocked," remembered Edeiken. "When we found out she sat us down and had a talk with us. She said that we didn't ask about what Professor Elgren and other members of the department did at home, and for that reason alone, we shouldn't ask about her personal life."

In addition, Boisselier spoke briefly to her students about her involvement in Clonaid. "Her stance was that the government should not try to regulate science. She told us that even though the government was resisting the efforts to clone humans, the project should be done to see if the science could be done," Edeiken added.

The discovery of Boisselier's outside work brought the media to Hamilton College in the Spring of 2001. Both print and broadcast journalists arrived on the Hill, including the crews of television shows such as *20/20* and *60 Minutes.*

"What came was a lot of attention," said Elgren. "The term 'media frenzy' is an understatement."

With a media storm in full force, Boisselier resigned at the end of the 2002 school year.

In an April 5th article entitled "Upstate Professor quits to clone humans," Director of Communications Mike Debraggio told the *New York Post* that Boisselier resigned as a visiting chemistry professor "to focus full-time on her work in cloning."

"My understanding is that her involvement with Clonaid, which was taking very little of her time when she was first hired by Hamilton in the summer of 2000, began to require more of her attention as the year wore on," he told the Spectator. "She realized that she could not adequately fulfill her responsibilities both as a teacher and as the research director for Clonaid, so she chose to devote herself to the latter project."

During her final weeks at Hamilton, the College hosted a forum in which Boisselier and other members of the faculty presented and debated the science and ethics of cloning. The forum was attended by approximately 400 people.

"The forum allowed a lot of different viewpoints to be shared," said Shields. "I thought that Professor of Philosophy Rick Werner stole the show. He argued about a principle he called Scientific Determinism, and he basically said that since the genie was out of the bottle that as a society we should step in and regulate the technology of cloning."

"It was a fascinating discussion," added Debraggio. "The panel offered students an excellent opportunity to discuss first-hand the science and ethics of cloning."

Shortly after the forum, Dr. Brigitte Boisselier left Hamilton College. Before leaving the Hill, she told reporters that she had been well-treated by the college's faculty, staff and student body.

"It was, how should I say it, respect and freedom of speech in action, because I was denied that in France," she told *Newsday*.

Boisselier also noted that the faculty of Hamilton College had been very professional. "Some of them are strongly, strongly opposed to cloning and they told me so, but in a very respectful manner," she said.

Elgren echoed Boisselier's sentiment. "The faculty was very professional. We were focused on her teaching, and that was the scope of it."

Despite Boisselier's resignation and the recent claim that Clonaid has cloned a human baby, Debraggio does not believe that the press will have any affect on the College.

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Dr. Brigitte Boisselier.

"Hamilton's association with the Clonaid announcement has been tangential at best, and I think people realize the College has nothing to do with the substance of the Clonaid story. Professor Boisselier was a visiting professor who taught chemistry here for just two semesters, and her work with Clonaid was independent of her teaching at Hamilton," Debraggio said.

"I am not aware of one prospective student who has contacted the College in reaction to the story, and we have heard from fewer than a dozen alumni and parents following the recent announcement. Based on that reaction, I don't believe there will be any negative effect on the College," he added.

Nonetheless, faculty members have strong opinions regarding human cloning.

"At the time Dr. Boisselier was here, I was troubled by the idea of cloning humans," said Shields. "Now, after I've learned more about it, I do not think that human cloning is ethical, because in all the cases of mammals that have been cloned to date, the development of these animals has revealed serious health problems. Also, the failure rate of mammal cloning is very high, and this, combined with the problems in the animal's development, mean that we know way too little to be experimenting on humans. We should strictly regulate cloning, and at this time cloning of humans is just too risky to be allowed."

Elgren agreed. "I think because the science is nowhere close, it is nothing more than dangerous human experimentation," he said. No precedence has been set for a successful mammalian clone. There is nothing to monitor where genes are turned on at the appropriate point in development. That gets messy. In my mind, its just an irresponsible science."

They also have strong opinions regarding Boisselier's project. When asked if Clonaid would scientifically prove the existence of a clone baby, Elgren said "they could prove it, but I don't think that they'll be willing to. There's nothing to prove."

Campus worker bitten by rabid raccoon

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what anyone should do when bitten by any animal: "Of course immediately you should wash the wound clean, then come to us if the office is open, where we would determine if the situation sounds like a case of an infected animal. We would decide to send you to the hospital or not but if we're not open, you should immediately drive to St. Luke's in Utica or call Campus Safety to arrange for the EMTs to intervene."

Rabies is not a completely uncommon threat to the Hamilton campus. Rabies is present in New York, Pennsylvania, and all over the Northeast. The disease is serious and requires painful and uncomfortable treatment. The incident last Wednesday reminds local and campus residents with cats and dogs that it is important to get your pets vaccinated. If a person suffers a bite from his pet, the police will investigate to see if the animal is licensed and vaccinated, and if not, his pet could be taken away. Any bite on campus, rabies-related or not, should be reported to Campus Safety.

If a bite victim has not received a tetanus booster in about five years, a rabies bite might warrant a booster shot. Rabies is transmitted through saliva, so even exposure to the saliva of a rabid animal should cause concern. When bitten, a victim would receive an immunization shot that students receive who are going abroad. Pre-exposure vaccination results in three shots, but upon exposure to rabies, the victim would get a shot in the gluteus muscle and in the arm at the same time, followed by four more shots on day three, seven, fourteen, and twenty-eight.

The raccoon incident comes at the same time as several incidents related to the large population of deer on Hamilton's 1200 acre campus. Two deer were hit and killed on College Hill Road this past Monday alone. During exam week of the fall semester, four deer were hit on College Hill. As snow covers more and more vegetation, the deer are forced closer to residences and roads in the search of food. From Route 233 at the bottom of the hill to Skyline Drive, College Hill Road is a very dangerous road where drivers must use extra caution.

Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge explained the ongoing deer problem: although hunting on campus is illegal, community members would be outraged by a large-scale downsizing of the herd population. Furthermore, D.E.C. has granted the college permission to treat the deer as a nuisance. Resolving this problem, however, appears to be becoming more urgent as the population has only recently begun to dwindle as a result of car accidents.

There are regular amounts of deer found in specific parts of campus. There are about nine deer in front of the President's house, seven or eight down by Rogers, and three or four around the Bundies, including, recently, one that has been running around the Bundies with a broken leg. Last spring, Hawkridge said that they reported seeing two herds of over 100 deer on two separate parts of campus at the same time.

Hamilton students, employees, and staff must be very careful coming up and down the Hill. Deer are especially hard to see at night. For the sake of your car, your health, and the safety of pedestrians on College Hill Road, drivers must drive slowly and carefully. Extra caution should be taken at the bend in front of the President's house and near the crosswalk and ELS.

Editorial
The Spectator

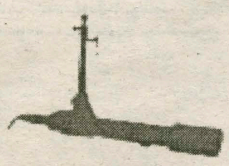
The Spectator

This week marked the appearance of The Sex Booklet in students' mailboxes, after much determined effort on the part of a few students and alumni to ensure that the pamphlet would be available. Coming up against a number of administrative walls in their efforts to print and circulate the book, the group responsible for the publication maintained their efforts, insisting that the information within must be readily accessible to all students, should they choose to access it (certainly, students were warned about the content with a disclaimer). The *Spectator*, as a publication that similarly seeks the free distribution of information, commends their efforts in the face of possible censorship and restriction. Though the actions of the administration were, no doubt, well intentioned, they also exhibited the exact attitudes the booklet directly sought to confront, namely, that sex is and should be a taboo subject.

The actions of the administration bordered on censorship. As a *Spectator* reporter pointed out in her article on the subject, First Amendment issues are a slippery slope. Restrictions placed upon The Sex Booklet open the door to a number of other such offenses against free expression. Though Hamilton is a private institution, and First Amendment rights are not strictly applicable, the administration must endeavor to uphold them, not only because they form the basis of our nation, but because they are one of the necessary foundations of both liberal arts college and the intellectual process.

As a guide, the booklet is valuable not only as a source of good and accurate information, but also as an initiator of what will hopefully become a more open discussion of sex on campus. Its addressing of safety and gender-respect issues (which are the most frequent sex-related topics in open discussion), as well as pleasure-related topics (a lesser-discussed topic) make the guide a helpful and holistic approach to topics that are rarely so openly discussed. Further, the use of common language, not medical terminology, allows the reader to absorb the information more easily and meaningfully.

We can only become aware of the boundaries of propriety by pushing them, and the writers and compilers of The Sex Booklet have done exactly that, to the benefit of the entire community.



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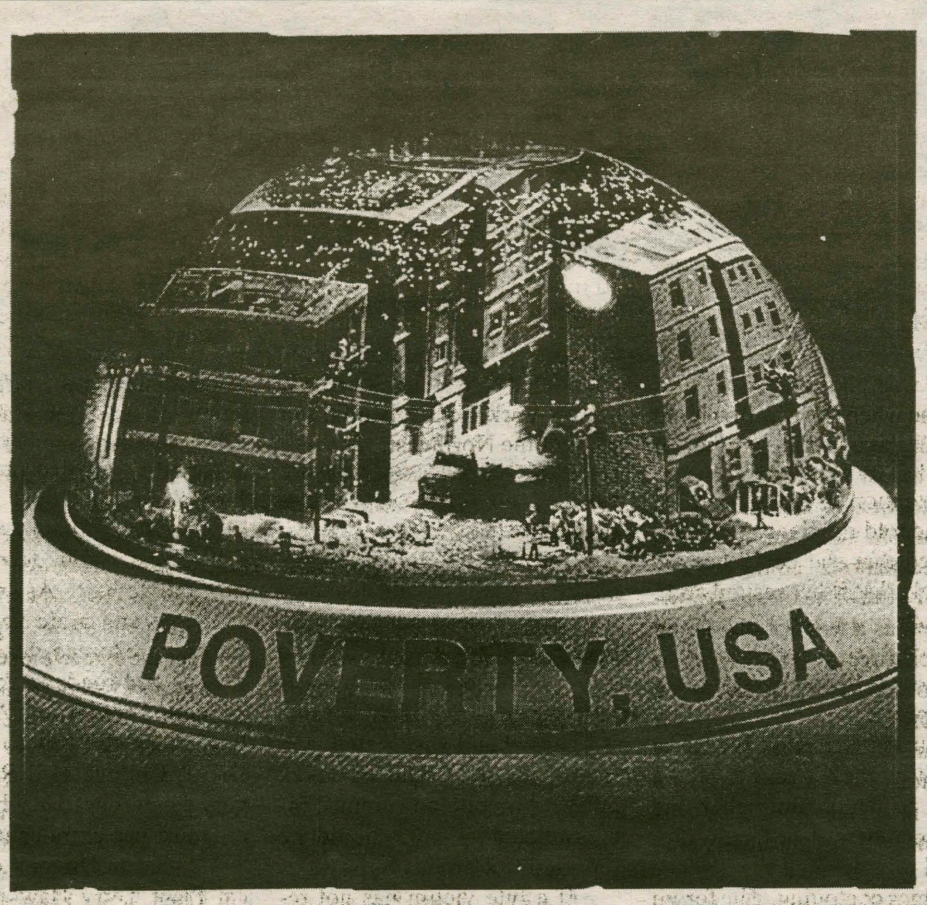

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Fire forces students to evacuate Major Residence Hall

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in, said Landry, primarily due to the smoke from the blaze and the chemicals in the fire extinguisher. A professional cleaning company had to be hired to clean out the powder from the fire extiguishers. In addition, the walls of the room had to be re-painted because of the large smoke stains on them.

Although the student present in the room is not legally liable for the fire, Landry said that he may be asked to take a fire safety course. Landry teaches a course based on the Seton Hall fire. The course, which Landry taught eight times in the fall semester, is used by some Resident Advisors as an educational program. Students who violate fire safety can be required to take the course.

In addition, said Landry, Residential life may be re-evaluating their policies regarding smoking in dorm rooms, as well as those regarding what students can have in their rooms.

"It was lucky that there wasn't a big banner on the ceiling. Had there been something hanging there it clearly would have caught fire as well," he said.

Gentile estimates that there are four fires per year on campus, although he says that it can vary significantly from year to year. "In years past a lot of the fire were intentionally set," he said. "Now, they're mainly accidental." Common causes, says Gentile, include students who are cooking and extension cords.

Very rarely, says Gentile, are the fires large enough that the Clinton Fire Department is called.

Despite the rarity of fires, says Gentile, the most recent blaze highights an important safety issue for students: the need to leave dorm rooms for all fire alarms. "This is the whole reason students need to leave when they hear the alarm," he said. "I figured that it was burnt popcorn. You couldn't tell that it was a fire until we got to the room. It could have been a whole lot worse if students didn't leave the building."

Over the break the Office of Residential Life conducted checks of the fire alarms throughout campus, said Landry. The inspection, prompted by students concerned that they could not hear the alarms from inside their rooms, focused on the number and placement of annunciators.

In addition, says Landry, the installation of sprinklers on the south side of campus should be complete by the end of the summer and the Residential Life department will continue to hold fire drills and RA fire checks of individual rooms.

Adams serves as third AAF guest speaker

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cant to atheism, agnosticism and free thought."

Bowman continued, "I got the idea for the group from a club by the same name at New York University. When I transferred to Hamilton for my sophomore year I was surprised that no such group existed here so I started the Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers of Hamilton."

Bowman added, "Too many people go though their lives never questioning what their parents of pastor told them about religion or God. We hope to at least make people think about why they believe what they believe. Hopefully they will reject what they have been told in order to reason out their own philosophy, an atheistic one."

Iraqi scientists refuse to cooperate with U.N.

*from **Iraq**, page 2*

laration of arms. Blix also reported that some 3,000 pages of documents that should also have been declared were found at the homes of Iraqi scientists.

In addition, many Iraqi scientists have been refusing to carry out private interviews with U.N. inspectors, despite the strong urgings of the Iraqi government. However Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz stated that Hussein has threatened to kill scientists who cooperate with the U.N. inspectors.

"Today we know from multiple sources that Saddam has ordered that any scientist who cooperates during interviews will be killed, as well as their families," Wolfowitz stated Thursday.

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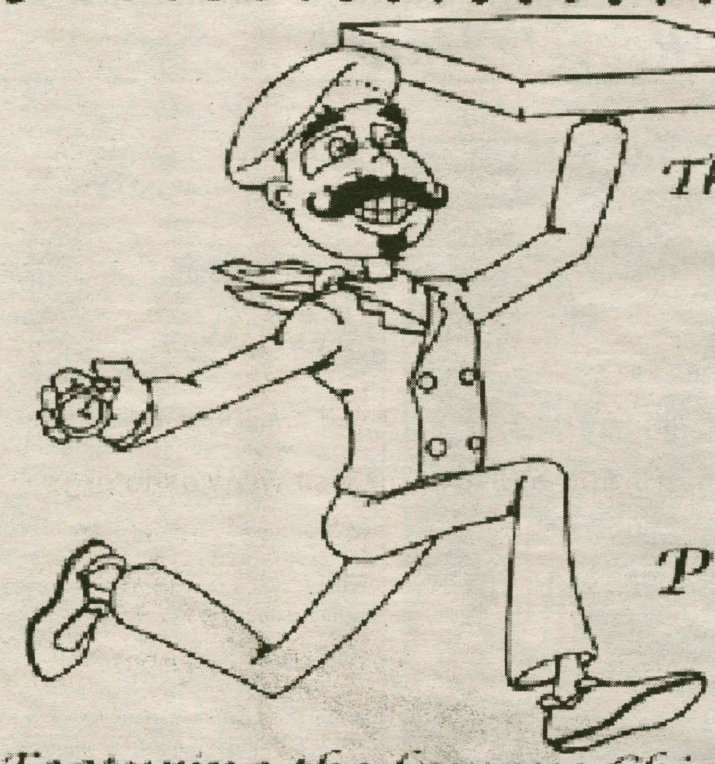

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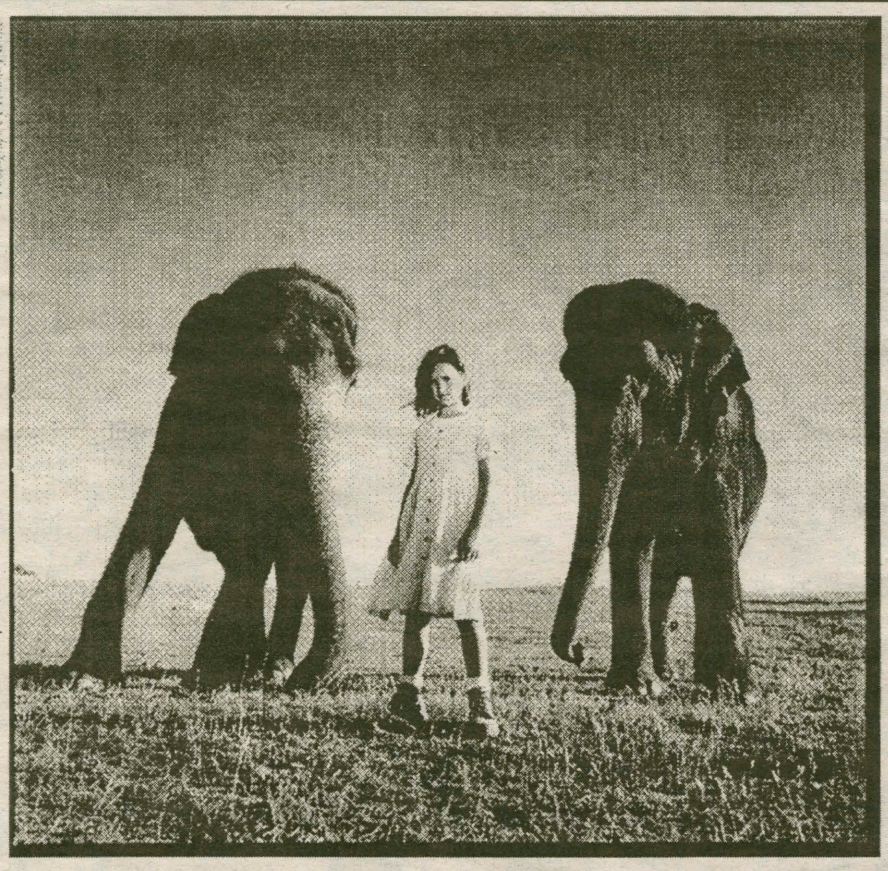

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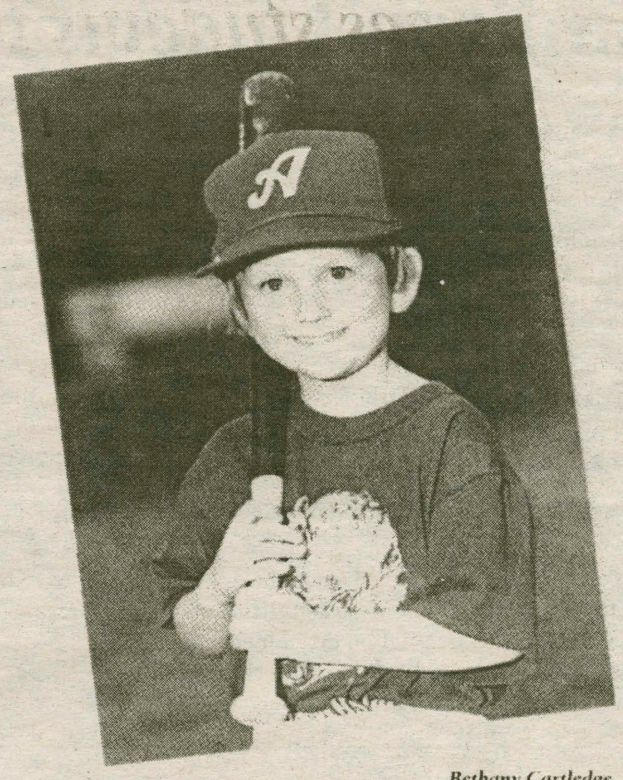

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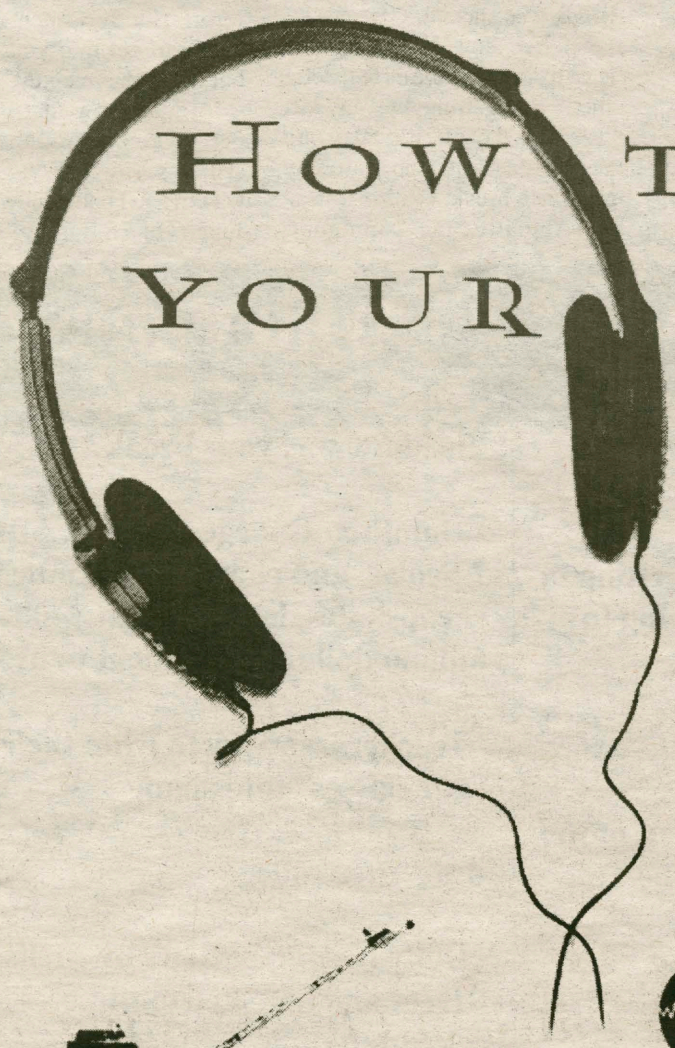

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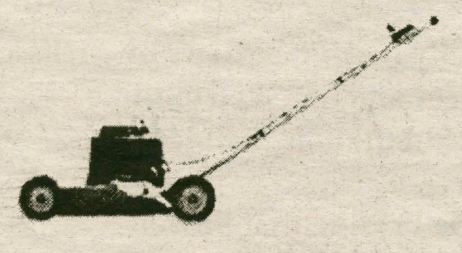

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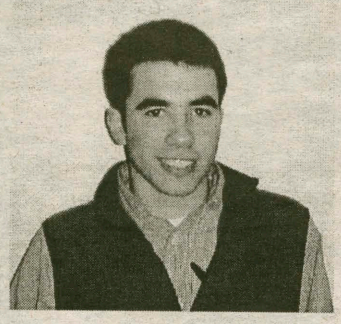
Insights & Ideas

Hamilton Unscripted: What did you learn from the newly released *Hamilton Sex Guide*?

"I learned that you can make using protection less awkward... what's protection?"
- Maurice I. Michaane '03



"I thought I had already exhausted all the internet resources on the content."
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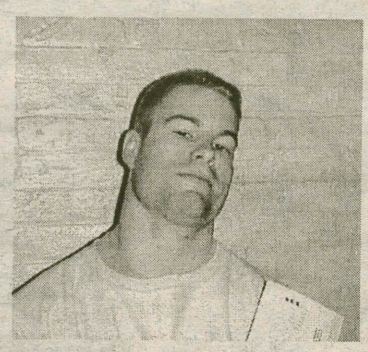
"Girls suck and so do ass plugs."
- Joshua Dilk '05



"I'm not the only person who's felt that I might be harmed if I said no to having sex with someone."
- Ryan Palmitesso'03

"We learned how to ride it like cowgirls."
-Caroline Sabet '05 & Avery Schlicher '05

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: No love for the King

BRITTEN CHASE '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Welcome back from break. Wow, we were gone for a while. Too long? Not long enough? It depends on who you ask. Personally, I prefer to stretch out my break as long as possible. When it comes to not being in class, seconds matter.

So of course I'm not thrilled that we went back to school on Martin Luther King's birthday.

I know what you're thinking: "Brit, let it go. We just got back from not doing anything for an entire month. The only people who had a longer break than we did are those students who were asked not to return to school."

But I say to you this: It means that while you were trudging off to your first class, everyone else and their mother had the day off. That, and you should be asking yourself, "Self, isn't there also the moral issue of not paying tribute to one of our country's greatest leaders in the history of...our country? He is probably the greatest role model for all ages, ethnicities, and races. Plus it's a national holiday. Isn't ignoring it somehow unpatriotic? And we always talk about how we want to be a more diverse, happy, open community, so a good way to do that would be to not snub a day for one of the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, right?" However, that is another subject for another time, and probably another writer. I digress.

Sadly, I was not shocked at this situation. This is the place where three day weekends come to die. We started school on Labor Day, which is mocking the very purpose of the holiday. You are supposed to celebrate work by not working. That's why we have Labor Day. Otherwise it would just be Monday, which, as we all know, sucks. We were also in session on Columbus Day, and I don't remember having a Veterans Day parade. I think what Hamilton needs is a good parade once in a while.

Man, those three-day weekends are vital to breaking up the year. It's hard to go for a whole semester with one or two breaks. Who wasn't crying and begging for mercy by the time Thanksgiving hit?

Before I entered Ham-Tech-World, I went to public school. Say what you want about public school kids, but we are three day-weekend experts. We didn't even need a holiday to have a three day-weekend. Once a month we had these awesome days called "Planning Days." It's really called "We're-Public-School-And-Broke-So-Don't-Come Day." Either way, it was a day off for students. Oh yes. Your parents' tax dollars hard at work.

It was awesome. The teachers had to be in school and "plan." We didn't have to do anything. Sometimes they'd even pair those days up with the government holidays that we always got off. Bam. Four-day weekend right there. And you thought Fall Break was special.

I like how Hamilton is at least trying to make us feel better about not getting the day off. "It's not a day off, it's a day on!" Yeah, it's a day on Saturday, gimmie a break.

Actually, the community service is a good way to celebrate. If Dr. King were around, that is probably how he would like us to spend his day. He'd probably also like it about 30 degrees warmer, but then he should have requested his day for May. Can't win 'em all.

So if they're not gonna give us time off, I guess the message is to get out and do some good stuff this weekend. If you can't hit MLK Service Day, there's plenty of stuff to do here. I'm not quite sure what, but get creative. If nothing else, prop your doors because those huge mounds of snow outside your dorm are former Bundy residents that were trying to get into your building but didn't have a key.

I just know that I'm gonna get an e-mail response to this article saying, "You have Flag Day off." Thanks dawg. It's in June. On a Saturday.

THUMBS UP

-Just 89 days until Spring

-Despite vehement opposition from the Dick Guy, the addition of new tables in Beinecke

-TLC still providing the highest quality reality shows: people riding hippopotamuses

- Santa putting ab-rollers and running sneakers in freshmen girls' stockings

-The new Beinecke computers, making it much easier to print out your readings on the way to class

- Winter sports teams sizzling even in zero degree weather

THUMBS DOWN

- "Liiiike, could it get any colder?" - Jason Wellen '0?

-The new view-obstructing netting in Sage Rink...what are we hoping to catch, a marlin?

-That North Korean guy

-Even more weirds coming out of the woodworks to hibernate at the Tech

-Academic probation winning the latest round with TDX

- Enduring 75 minutes of Foundations of Communication only to have the professor tell you the class is full

Chris Preston '03 & Paul P. Jones '03

WHO CARES?

-So...how was your break?

- Hamilton College Cable: 2 ABC's, 2 Scolas, and channel 19...come on cheapskates, let's put that $400 million dollar endowment to use

- Teachers who try to whip their "gut classes" into shape

-Life after college

- Daily fashion reviews by Melissa Rivers and her skeleton-like, coked-out mom

- The Presidential Search Committee's decision to eliminate strippers at Peepers from their applicant pool

Reality TV is taking over and I like it

BILL CHENEVERT '05
NEWS EDITOR

"Joe Millionaire," "The Bachelorette," and "The Real World Road Rules Battle of The Sexes" have captivated a large portion of our student body. Regardless of how stupid the premises, how ridiculous the stories, and how formulaic (these television studios have the reality series down to an art) the shows we all watch, and I most certainly do.

I consider myself pretty culturally aware. I mean, I am genuinely interested in all forms of American popular culture, from hip-hop to jazz to current best-selling fiction to movies to popular periodicals. So, I feel it my duty to inform a probably more studious and clueless portion of our student body that is missing out on some really outrageous television available for our enjoyment these days.

The shows:

Joe Millionaire Fox, Mondays @ 9:00 p.m.

This show puts twenty girls together to vie for the love, affection, money, and engagement ring (if possible) of a rich socialite. But wait, he's actually a construction worker who makes about 19k a year, but we won't tell them that until the last possible minute to make them freak out. So yeah, it makes for good TV because Joe is a horrible liar, and doesn't seem to be taking the whole false identity thing well. At this point in time, Evan's down to four lovely ladies, all shallow and dying to get their hands on his money. Tune in next week to see one of them crushed when they're dismissed and some more catty nastiness.

The Bachelorette ABC, Wednesdays @ 9:00 p.m.

Trista is the lovely bachelorette for whom some dopey men are fiercely competing. There's actually nothing wrong with her whatsoever. She's a 29-year-old pediatric physical therapist who was once a Miami Heat dancer. This beautiful blond was the runner up in last year's "The Bachelor" and I guess ABC felt bad that they put her through all that torture, so they're letting her break some hearts now. Trista is also down to four lucky men. So tune in next week as the bachelors pretend not to care when they get the boot.

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The Real World Road Rules Battle of the Sexes MTV, Mondays @ 10:00 p.m.

This is one of my perennial favorites. They put members from old "Real World" and "Road Rules" casts, usually people who are desperate for money or on about 14:59 on their fame time clock, against each other in some crazy games. There's a kind of inner-circle, voting people off the show, cumulative point scoring system going on, but really it's all about who hates who and who has the power to get players out. It tends to be rather dramatic also, as Julie, the Mormon from "Real World New Orleans," was voted off for purely personal reasons by crazy Melissa. In the first couple episodes, Puck and David from Los Angeles got in quite a tiff and David left in a fury. So far it's Julie, David, Beth from L.A. (one of the most annoying people in the history of television), and Eric J. from the last cast of "Road Rules" who've gotten the boot. Next week the guys will try to save face and tie it up at 2-2 as the girls have the lead in winning the competitions.

Taildaters MTV, weekdays @ 4:30 p.m.

This is a new-fangled date show on MTV. The daters each get two friends to watch their date from a sort of RV with text pagers. Only they don't know who's paging them! It's crazy. Nevertheless, nearly everyone who gets on the show is from the L.A. area and is attractive but very bitchy or opinionated. It makes for terrible dates. The half-hour show presents two dates simultaneously, and the ultimate goal, when watching, is to catch one of those dates that is so dead the daters resort to blatantly saying, "I'm not attracted to you." It's awesome.

Celebrity Mole: Hawaii ABC, Wednesdays @ 10:00 p.m.

This one is particularly cheesy and bad. I won't explain the premise of "The Mole" itself. Just know that it's a competition where players participate in games and must eventually figure out who is the implanted character that is in on the whole thing. But listen to the celebrities- the cast includes Stephen Baldwin, Corbin Bernsen, Kathy Griffin, Kim Coles, Michael Boatman, Erik von Detten, and Frederique. Are these people really celebrities? Well they're all trying to win a $250,000 prize. Like they need it. It's good TV though, because, they make complete asses of themselves and take themselves very seriously.

Change of Heart WB, weekdays @ 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.

One of my personal favorites. You have to be either really into yourself, or really desperate to get out of your current relationship to go on this show. Couples who are kinda tired of their mate want to be set up on a date to see if they want to dump their boyfriend/girlfriend. So they subject their respective mates to watching an intimate, often horned-up date where they go out to dinner, drink, then dance, drink more, and dance where they inevitably grind and make out. Then, when all is said and done, they have to put up a sign that says 'Stay Together' or 'Change of Heart.' You can imagine the elation of two 'Change of Heart's and the disappointment of a 'Stay Together and 'Change of Heart'. It's brutal.

Honorable mentions:
Blind Date WB, syndication
The 5th Wheel UPN, weeknights @ 11:30 p.m.
Shipmates WB, weeknights @ 10:30 p.m.
High School Reunion WB, Sundays @ 9:00 p.m.
***COMING SOON!* The Surreal Life** WB, Thursdays @ 9:00 p.m.

An American in Paris

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Homesickness is a state of mind that completely alters any sense of reality. During my first two months in France, I remember striking up conversations with bewildered American tourists- people that I would not have glanced at twice had I been in my normal state of mind. Involuntarily they would entertain me, engaging in conversations and edging away inch by inch in a purely verbal fashion. I, of course, imagined that I was charming them with my American roots dangling in front of them, just as I was engrossed by the American-ness that they kept stashed in their fannypacks. By the end of these encounters, having exhausted the subject of Atlantic Ocean currents and east coast versus west, I told myself that they would offer to fly me back home to the States, proclaiming that my wit and intelligence should be guarded within our nation's boarders as a matter of homeland security. When forced into another culture and language, it's really amazing who you'll start looking to for comfort. So for those first months, I kept up my yoga, telling myself that I'd have to remain flexible to fit inside my next benefactor's suitcase.

Even after adjusting to Paris somewhat, I am entralled by the Americans I meet, but in a totally different way. In my eyes (my viewpoint is incredibly more subjective than average), I have changed roles from the needy to the needed. However, as the benefactor and protector of the desperate, I am still the one to strike up conversation, spewing my knowledge onto other English speakers without provocation. I helpfully explain their requests to confused bartenders and bus drivers or give directions to lost tourists. Recently, I found one American at an Italian restaurant in my neighborhood. She was speaking to her bewildered waiter in slow, loud French, "How big are your balls ? Are they tasty?" Now, in this situation my help was no doubt needed, as this woman apparently didn't know the word for meatballs, but often my help comes unsolicited. On my own turf, I would generally not offer strangers advice on a whim (not being an overtly helpful person) but being surrounded by the French for five months, I have a growing affinity for anything American or anything that reminds me of home, SUVs, television shows, or baseball hats with netted backings. Drawn to Americana, I find myself talking to strangers and seeing a lot of movies. Obviously this is not what my mother had in mind for my year in Paris, but then again neither did I. I guess we both expected that I'd be conversing fluently with writers and artists or at least something more... French. Everyone always said that being abroad is a life-changing experience, so I naturally thought that it'd be a change for the better. I'd be a citizen of the world and explore every street in Paris and pen long letters to my gang of French aquaintences. Basically, I thought that I would be reborn. More specifically, reborn French. Not surprisingly, living in France has not altered my entire personality, and I am actually quite glad not to be French. Actually, living abroad is like being trapped in a hall of mirrors: everywhere you turn, there you are. In actuality, I don't want to have long talks with artist or walk endlessly through the bitter cold. I no longer have fantasies of being shipped home via UPS, but neither do I aspire to write brooding poetry while smoking Gaulois at a sidewalk café. It's hard to believe but an American in Paris is just that, an American in Paris.

Hamilton's corporate sponsors

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I've been watching some TV recently, especially football. And people may say that you can't learn anything from television, but I sure have. I have learned one very important thing and it is this: what Hamilton needs is some corporate sponsorship. Yes, what this fine institution of higher learning could really benefit from is faceless corporations giving us stuff. Oh sure, we've come close with Bristol, but think of how much cooler our sponsors could be! Why, the possibilities are endless.

I'd like to start with dining and a little example of what corporate sponsorship can do for you. I have a friend named Gordon who goes to Emerson. Last year, he had a Dunkin Donuts franchise on the first floor of his dorm. I would now like to repeat that. My friend had a Dunkin Donuts IN HIS DORM. Now, I love Bon Appetit and all, but if there was a Dunkin Donuts in Bundy, I would eat there three meals a day and coffee would flow through my veins. Gatorade is another pretty obvious example of sponsorship that Hamilton should have, at least for sports. (Maybe there are teams that get free Gatorade. Frankly I doubt it and I'm not about to do any research on the subject). So there's two examples we could use, but believe you me, the list goes on.

Let's talk buildings. Try to wrap your mind around the amount of cash that Hamilton could get by allowing corporations to put their names on our dorms and class buildings. I, for one, would love to live in the Staples North Dorm or Bed Bath and Beyond Eels Hall. Think of how inspired our teams would be to play in the Adidas Field House, and I guarantee some wins next year if the football team is playing on Mitsubishi Field. Hell, if our sports can't get sponsors who can? Even my high school had a Coke banner in our gym. And let me tell you, there's nothing like a Coke banner saying "St. John's Phys. Ed: Don't Just Play, Compete" to pump you up for some volleyball.

Buy why stop there? I'll bet you that record numbers of incoming freshmen would sign up for the Northface Adirondack Adventure, and just think of the sweet free samples we could get from any number of companies.

Will this ever happen? Hells no and I hope it doesn't. For all I know it isn't even legal. Then again, for all I know it's going on. Like I said before, I'm not about to do any research.

Diversity at what cost?

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Past administration decisions have caused me to wonder what Hamilton administrators are thinking. Remember the awkward launch and abolition of Kirkland College? The gutting of the curriculum in the Vietnam era? The destruction of the fraternity system? The tortured explanations of these problems and the proposed solutions were so unconvincing. Now President Tobin's February 2002 letter asserts that Hamilton cannot exist any longer without a commitment to diversity and is also unconvincing. Let us hope that Richard B. Corradi's letter in the Hamilton *Alumni Review* (Summer 2002) is the beginning of vigorous discussions about diversity and political correctness.

If Hamilton had done anything well in the past, it has produced thoughtful, knowledgable persons. Why should it become the Hamilton School of Social Engineering? If we force diversity on the College today, what causes will we force upon the College in the future? How will they cumulatively degrade and distort the education of thoughtful, knowledgable persons? Has the administration considered that diversity will happen naturally at Hamilton over time as the applicant pool reflects an increasingly diverse population?

The administration plans to concentrate on diversity, but glosses over cost details. The cost of a Hamilton education greatly exceeds what the College charges, and the College's diversity expenditures will widen that gap. The College expects the dear old alumni and other donors to cover the excess costs. The Hamilton degree costs too much, or the College charges too little. Thus cost control, not diversity or any other social trend, is the College's greatest need, yet no one seems to care. The smug assumption that higher education is too important to subject to mundane considerations such as cost control seems to rule.

Medical providers also charge less than the value of their services; just consider their problems. When an essential service becomes prohibitively expensive, when its prices rise faster than most other prices, the government steps in, and the service quality suffers in order to become affordable. Can this happen to private higher education? It can if donors can't cover the difference between cost and tuition. Traditionally colleges depend on alumni to provide financial support to avoid the messy business of cost-cutting. College catalogs should contain a disclaimer: "In addition to your College tuition payments, you will incur a lifetime moral obligation to contribute funds to cover the College's annual deficits."

Alumni publications focus increasingly on fundraising efforts. The administration must draft aluumni each year to supplement the already considerable, but otherwise insufficient, College efforts to raise money. The administration seems to view all alumni contacts as fundraising opportunities, even reunions. Rather than dreaming up new ways to soak donors for money ("Your demise! - One last opportunity to help Hamilton!"), I want to see the College engage in some serious cost control. I challenge the College to pledge to keep all charges constant for 10 years and remain solvent. Lead the way. If the college does so, the income of favored minorities will probably increase during that period so that the College will achieve its desired diversity at no cost to the College and its donors.

Hamilton needs leaders who can keep costs in line. Education at any cost is not good enough.

Douglas Fleck '63
St. Louis, Mo.

A response to "Diversity at what cost?" The price is right

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I'm not sure how many current Hamilton students read the Alumni Review, but I always flip through it, if only to see what my friends and acquaintances from other class years are up to. While reading this winter's edition during January break, I noted the letter from Douglas Fleck '63, headlined "Diversity at What Cost?" In his letter, Mr. Fleck argues that the current administration wishes to "force diversity on the College," while disregarding the possible fiscal costs to the College of-let's be blunt-enrolling more students whose families cannot spare the full $35,750 per year (according to the Admissions office's website) that it costs to attend Hamilton. He points out that this change in enrollment will inevitably force the College to ask alumni to make up the difference. The active pursuit of increased diversity on campus should be unnecessary, since the College's diversity will naturally increase over time, when "the applicant pool reflects an increasingly diverse population," as Mr. Fleck states in his letter, and "the income of favored minorities will probably increase during that period so that the College will achieve its desired diversity at no cost to the College and its donors."

I read Mr. Fleck's letter as suggesting that a quality liberal arts education should be an option only for those whose families can afford to pay for it. (This idea makes me uncomfortable; it's a terribly unfair and elitist admission standard, when you stop to think about it, and means that socioeconomic and education levels become more hereditary than they already are.) At the least, he is asking that the College not admit any more students in need of financial aid than it already does. While this makes sense in the interest of keeping the college financially solvent and keeping tuition increases to a minimum, it raises interesting questions about the goals of institutions of higher learning.

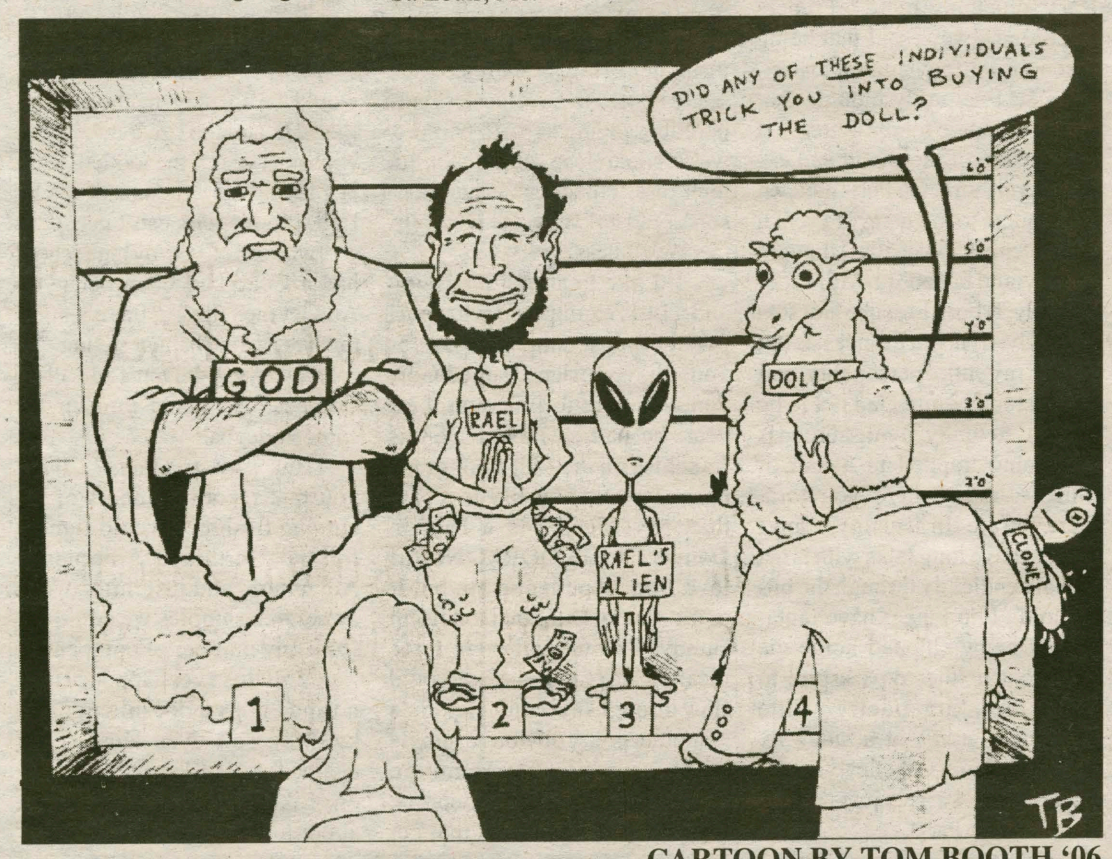
The word "diversity" has become like an overused playground ball-it's been kicked around so much that it barely bounces. While "increasing diversity" is, in most contexts, code for "enrolling more members of underrepresented minority groups," having a diverse population in a college is not as simple as that. International students, students from rural areas, and non-traditional (i.e. older and non-residential) students, and even students with eccentric personalities and unusual accomplishments could all help to make a school "diverse." (Hamilton, incidentally, offers financial aid to international students; many colleges don't.)

We can ignore race for a moment and look at Mr. Fleck's main concern, money. Hamilton does not practice need-blind admissions. This means that ability to pay tuition can be considered along with other factors in the admissions process, although I do not mean to imply that it is. Many students are now here thanks to generous financial aid packages or scholarships, I wonder if the combination of a poor economy and alumni pressure could lead elite colleges to not only reduce the total amount awarded in financial aid, but to also to give financial need more consideration in the admissions process. While I hope that this would not happen, I don't think that it's an entirely implausible scenario.

Class mobility in the United States is much more difficult than this country's mythology would have you believe, yet one of the keys to improving one's career and income level is higher education. A generation ago, a person could graduate from high school, take a job, and earn enough money to support a family. That is very rarely the case today.

Yet the week that I am writing this article, the State University of New York proposed a tuition increase of $1400 per year. This may not sound like much, but the last time that SUNY tuition was increased, by $750 per year eight years ago, over the following three years, enrollment in the system dropped by eight thousand students. (Source: Newsday, January 18, 2003) This is, of course, a relatively tiny number of students compared to the total enrolled in the SUNY system as a whole, but I wonder why the total number of students in the system dropped. What happens when a college education is essential to holding a middle-class job, yet private institutions are out of reach and public institutions raise their fees?

This is relevant to Mr. Fleck's concerns about Hamilton's financial solvency. While he proposes that the College should not pursue more diversity initiatives, but instead wait for the incomes of minorities to reach a level that Hamilton will be affordable for them, I would like to know how people are supposed to increase their income level when education is becoming even less accessible for people with low incomes-who are, by the way, disproportionately members of underrepresented minorities.



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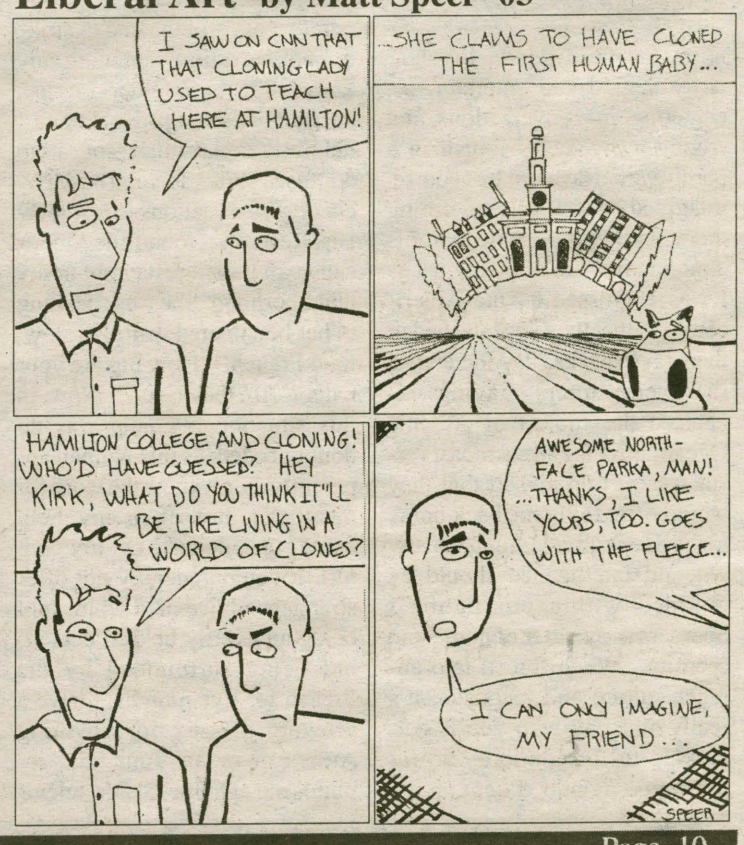
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The other Presidential search

ADAM GORDON '06
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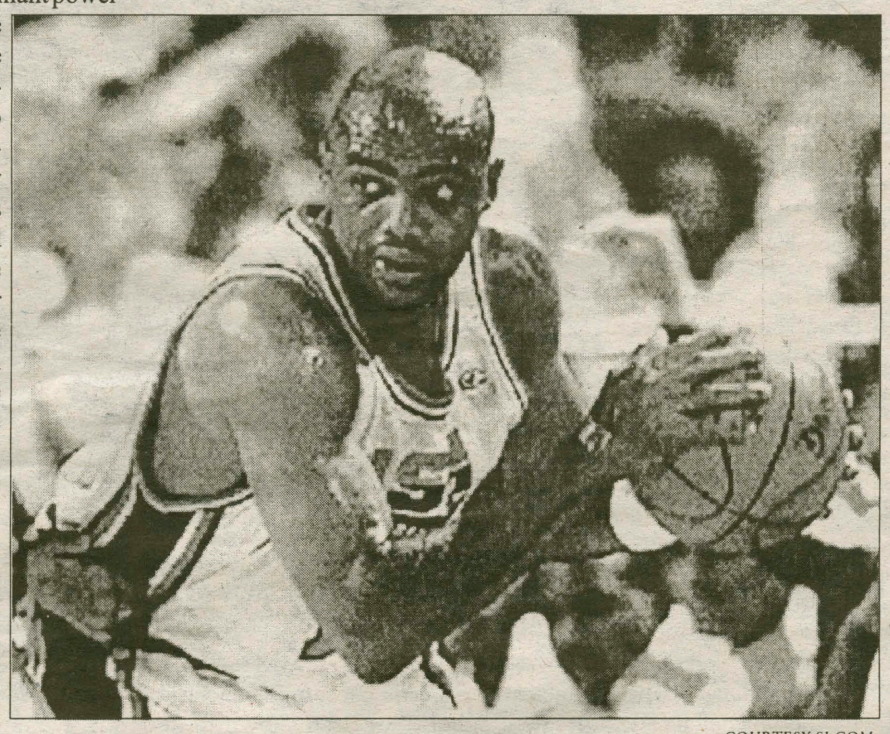
When they somehow forgot to include me in the newly formed Presidential Search committee, I was heartbroken. (I thought that my high status as an I & I contributor would have landed me a seat so I didn't apply.) After the tears were gone, I followed my desires and did what was necessary: I started my own freaking search for a head honcho. That's right! My newly formed committee does not have trustees, faculty, administrators or anyone remotely important in the Hamilton hierarchy. Hell no! The Gordon Search Committee (GSP) is completely run by yours truly, with assistance from Daryl Strawberry and Warren, who delivered an unforgettable performance as Cameron Diaz's brother on a quest to find his baseball in There's Something About Mary. One source has quoted us as "the Dream Team of Presidential Searches." In the last two months, we have scoured the country and compiled a list of those few candidates who are worthy of leading our institution. "Hamilton College seeks a new President with the skill and experience essential to advance its standing in the first tier of American undergraduate education," reads HC's invitation for applicants. We believe that we have found several prominent individuals from diverse backgrounds who will unquestionably carry out the goals and ideas of Hamilton College as stated in "The Ideal Candidate." It is in this spirit that we ask you to give a warm welcome to our first nominee, Sir Charles Barkley.

"A visionary and strategic thinker, who can inspire the Hamilton community to achieve further success."

Standing six feet, four inches tall, Mr. Barkley was one of the most dominant power forwards at his size ever to play in the NBA. Despite criticism that he was too short for his position, Mr. Barkley ignored the critics because he believed in himself. "There will never be another player like me," he said, "I'm the ninth wonder of the world." In 1987 he led the league in rebounds, and in 1993 he was voted as the NBA's Most Valuable Player. Aside from his athleticism, Mr. Barkley is a visionary who will motivate Hamilton students to strive for greatness. He once remarked, "You got to believe in yourself. Hell, I believe I'm the best-looking guy in the world and I might be right." Mr. Barkley will be able to give the kind of support the students at this institution need.

"An experienced leader who is demonstrably committed to maintaining excellence in undergraduate education in a changing world."

If there is one person who knows a thing or two about education in America, it's Charles Barkley. In the mid nineties he gained national attention by declaring that he was not a role model: "Professional athletes should not be role models. Hell, I know drug dealers who can dunk. Can drug dealers be role models too?" Charles Barkley cares about how our children are raised, and we believe that he will give careful attention to Hamilton's educational policies.



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"An accessible and approachable person who will make time to hear and respond to the concerns of all members of the Hamilton community—someone who is a good listener and is clear and frank."

Though he may appear intimidating, Mr. Barkley is certainly a very approachable person. A few years back, he said, "If I weren't earning more than $3 million a year to dunk a basketball, most people on the street would run in the other direction if they saw me coming." As long as he makes more money than you, he is very easy conversational: "I don't listen to the refs. I don't listen to anyone who makes less money than I do." No one can deny that Mr. Barkley is frank. He made it clear in 1997 that he is not to be messed with when he tossed a man through a glass window during a bar fight. ""If you bother me, I'm going to whoop you," said Mr. Barkley shortly after the incident.

"A person with a deep-seated and proven commitment to diversity, broadly defined—someone who will convince all constituencies of the importance of diversity and who will channel resources towards the achievement of that goal."

Mr. Barkley on diversity: "You know it's going to hell when the best rapper out there is white and the best golfer is black."

"An academic leader who understands and can generate support for interdisciplinary learning and scholarship."

Charles Barkley will do a great job as President of Hamilton College because he will set realistic goals and will certainly uphold the values and standards of Hamilton College. Furthermore, he respects youth. He will not create controversies because, "They're there long before I open my mouth and I just bring them to your attention." Perhaps he will make a comeback playing D3 ball. We therefore ask Mr. Barkley to consider putting aside his possible plans to run for Governor of Alabama and join us here in the cornfields of upstate New York. Charles Barkley once remarked, "Somebody has to be the hero, it might as well be me." Okay Charles, here is your opportunity...

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Frequent drinking may do a body good

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Could this be the medical breakthrough we've all been waiting for? Can we really reduce the risk of heart disease by frequent and consistent alcohol consumption? A recent study seems to point to the possibility of just that; scientists have reported that drinking may lower the risk of heart disease.

The study, published in the January 9th edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, has seemingly correlated certain drinking patterns with lower risks of myocardial infarction, or heart attack. Specifically, the results of the study emphasize the frequency of alcohol consumption as the primary determinant of its inverse association with the risk of heart disease.

Kenneth Mukamal, primary researcher of the project and physician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts, and colleagues studied 38,077 male health professionals, including dentists, veterinarians, optometrists, osteopathic physicians, and podiatrists between the ages of 40 and 75. The men were originally sent a questionnaire regarding their diet and medical histories in 1986. Between 1986 and 1998, the men were required to return follow-up questionnaires every two years to update their health information and report any changes in their alcohol and food intake.

In an attempt to ensure that the results of the study would be as accurate and telling as possible, original recipients of the questionnaire who had a history of myocardial infarction, angina, and cancer were not included in the study. Also eliminated were those men who currently did not drink but had drunk within the proceeding ten years.

During the course of the study, participants as a whole suffered from 1418 cases of myocardial infarction. When comparing men who consumed alcohol less than once a week to those who drank three to four or five to seven days a week, Mukamal's group found that the more frequent drinkers had lower incidences of heart attack.

Somewhat surprisingly, no particular type of drink, namely beer, wine or liquor, conferred any particular benefits over the others. This finding challenges traditional reports that red wine confers special benefits to drinkers–a contention based on the relatively low number of cases of heart disease in the wine-loving French despite their relatively high-fat diets.

This is not the first study to suggest that alcohol may play a role in decreasing one's chance of developing a heart condition.

PHOTO BY RACHEL MOSKOWITZ '03

Forget going to the gym. Follow the lead of these students and do your cardiovascular workout right from the comfort of your own room.

Chemical components of alcohol have been shown to decrease inflammation and limit oxidation, both of which are associated with lowering one's likelihood for heart attack. Alcohol has also consistently been reported to raise high-density lipoprotein, or "good," cholesterol levels.

According to Mukamal, other recent findings have implicated alcohol in improving the body's ability to metabolize blood sugar, thereby decreasing the risk of diabetes. Alcohol also thins the blood, which decreases danger of clotting.

It is important, however, not to interpret these results as a justification for binge drinking. The risks associated with binge drinking and alcoholism–liver damage, cancer and motor vehicle accidents–in no way outweigh the benefits that may come with frequent consumption of alcohol. Furthermore, the results of the Mukamal study indicate that men who on average drank less than 10 g of alcohol per drinking day and men who on average drank 30 g of alcohol or more per drinking day experienced an almost identical risk of having a heart attack–meaning that any beneficial effects alcohol consumption may have on heart disease are not augmented by increasing the volume consumed daily.

In an editorial which ran in the same volume of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Ira Goldberg, M.D., expressed that even in light of this new study, the data scientists have regarding the connection between alcohol and cardiovascular disease is inconclusive. He went on to stress that physicians should not encourage patients who currently do not drink alcohol to start.

While the beneficial effects of alcohol consumption remain uncertain, "the toxic effects of alcohol are well established," he said. Goldberg proposed that future studies should be conducted in which patients already suffering from cardiovascular disease would be placed on an alcoholic-beverage regimen in order to assess the potential therapeutic uses for the drug.

Seasonal Affective Disorder: more than the winter blues

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

After spending a relaxing, cozy, and generally wonderful vacation at home, the idea of getting back to school may seem a bit depressing; it may actually seem quite amazingly depressing when combined with the horror of returning to a seemingly never-ending semester of snow and cold mixed with an absolutely appalling wind chill factor.

A little depression is normal, particularly if you spent your vacation at a lower latitude or in an area that did not know the meaning of "lake effect snow." As the semester goes on, this normal depression will fade; however, those affected by Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) will suffer until the first signs of spring (which, in this area, could be a long way off).

Seasonal Affective Disorder is a problem that affects about 500,000 Americans every year. SAD mostly affects people between the ages of 18 and 30, and women are at a higher risk of suffering from SAD than men.

With its onset in September, SAD is believed to be caused by an increase in the body's production of melatonin, a hormone produced by the pineal gland in the brain. When the days begin to shorten in September, melatonin is produced in increasing amounts. As the winter continues and the days become shorter, more melatonin is produced, which is thought to cause depression.

The good news is that the first signs of spring and a return to longer days reduce the production of melatonin, thus relieving the depression. The bad news is that the most severe cases of SAD occur from January to March, and if anyone should be depressed about the weather, it should be those who live in upstate New York.

Most of those who suffer from SAD experience a mild form of the disease, although in about 5% of the cases the depression is acute. In most cases, those suffering from SAD will experience a lethargy and general tiredness.

Most sufferers have difficulty waking and staying awake and have difficulty dealing with stress. SAD can also cause mood swings and overall crankiness, leading to a desire to withdrawal from all social contact. This can be accompanied by a loss of sexual desire and a disregard for any physical contact.

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The awful weather of late may be giving you more than just frostbite. Scientists suggest that short winter days may cause SAD, resulting in depression and lethargy.

Some sufferers experience changes in diet, craving sweet foods and those high in carbohydrates, causing many sufferers to gain weight.

In the most severe cases a feeling of depression accompanies these symptoms. This depression can affect self esteem, can cause feelings of guilt and despair, and can result in a general feeling of apathy about activities and interests that were once enjoyed and important.

Does any of this sound familiar? While many of these symptoms could be similar to those felt by many students who are trying to get back in the routine of school and classes, if you think SAD may be a possibility, there are several easy ways to combat the winter blues.

For those who may be experiencing mild symptoms of SAD, spending time outside in the daylight can help to combat the problem; although, spending time outside in this sub-arctic weather may be worse than SAD itself.

Fortunately, regular exercise is relatively effective in reducing the symptoms of SAD, and simply opening the blinds in your room might also help out.

For more severe cases, phototherapy can be used to reduce the amount of melatonin produced. In the case of phototherapy, or light therapy, an intense light, about 100 times the power of an ordinary light bulb is used to attempt to reduce the melatonin production.

Sufferers simply carry out their normal routine under this light for a few hours a day, alleviating the symptoms of the disorder. In very severe cases therapy can be used as well as anti-depressants to combat symptoms of acute depression.

Even for those suffering severe symptoms, SAD does cease to be a problem as spring approaches, and for those who wish to escape the clutches of SAD completely, there appear to be no reports of cases within 30 degrees latitude from the equator.

Features

The Class of 2006, Part 2

Like 3 feet of freshly fallen snow, the January Admits have arrived on campus

by Sharom Hakim '06
FEATURES WRITER

PHOTO BY ALLISON DAVIS '06

Worth the wait: January admits John Adams and Tom Klaber are ready for life on the Hill.

Spring Semester is now nearly a week old here at Hamilton College. Students are back from their breaks, and have slowly gotten back into the weekday routine of class, hitting the books, Commons, more hitting the books, trying to survive the cold weather, and of course, sleeping.

An observant student would have noticed the new faces on campus. Not only are there students back from being abroad last semester, but there are also transfer students and new freshmen, January Admits, who will be joining the Hamilton Community this semester. Their Hamilton education began this month with a very successful four-day orientation period.

The Orientation for the January Admits, held from Wednesday January 15 to Saturday, January 19 contained the same core elements as freshman orientation in August: welcoming by the staff, matriculation, orientation groups, etc. It was catered to a much smaller group, however, and was therefore able to have some different activities such as going bowling, eating dinner as with faculty, and watching a movie.

The new freshmen were able to have the Hill to themselves for a few days before other students returned. Not only did they have a peaceful campus on which to enjoy orientation, but they were given a chance to get acclimated with their surroundings, to find their way around, to learn about the different buildings, and to adapt before they got lost in the crowd.

These students are obviously very committed to Hamilton, enough to delay their entrance to Hamilton by almost five months.

Competition for entrance into prestigious schools such as Hamilton College continues to rise, while available dorm space and physical resources have stayed the same. Colleges, therefore, do not always have enough room for all of the qualified applicants they would like to enroll.

Because of certain students' outstanding merits and credentials, however, Hamilton and other colleges go out of their way to attempt to enroll these students anyway, and to make a place for them on the hill.

Hamilton was able to admit students for the January semester simply because of available rooms. More students were going abroad in the second semester than were returning, thus freeing up rooms for new students.

Hamilton has been offering January Admission to qualified students for the past seven years, according to the Office of Admission. They have found this process to be extremely rewarding and beneficial and plan on continuing the program in the future.

This year's class of thirty-one January Admits is the largest ever. Along with the thirty-one new freshman, four transfer students were also admitted. Rit Fuller, Dean of Admission, stated that "Hamilton's enrollment goals for the next five years include twenty-five admits each January annually."

The January Admission program is quite extensive and requires the cooperation of many parts of the college community, from Residential Life to Admissions, Student Assembly and the Office of the Registrar. All of the various offices are necessary to ensure that students receive the services they need to become accustomed to college life, and not to miss out on any opportunities just because they weren't on campus the first semester.

The January orientation was different in many ways than orientation in August, both in terms of events planned and students participating.

January Orientation had one thing for sure that the Orientation in August lacked: a real taste of Hamilton College life, the snow! The January Admits were welcomed to Hamilton College by the three feet of snow that had accumulated over the holiday break. Incoming freshman in August may have been told about the snow, but nothing compares to experiencing the real thing.

Still, the snow didn't prevent their orientation from going smoothly. Students met administrators, moved into their rooms, met with advisors, listened to several speakers, and generally got used to life here on the Hill.

Prior to participating in January Orientation, many January admits also participated in pre-orientation activities such as Adirondack Adventure or Urban Service Experience, and had already made friends on their trips.

Fifteen students spent a semester in London together taking courses. Their college level courses will allow them to graduate with the other members of the class of 2006. Other students took the semester to take college level classes in other accredited universities, so they too could graduate with the class of 2006.

Some students took the semester off to work, act in plays, do research or just take a breather from education. In some cases, the semester off gave them a chance to do or see something that they normally wouldn't have had the opportunity, time or resources to undertake.

The final event of the Orientation process was a dinner at the Little Pub with all the January Admits. Because of the small size of the January Admission class, the pub offered a perfectly sized venue for the event.

Admits themselves have extolled this event, saying that it gave them a feeling of community, and the chance to actually come together as class. Caroline Saxe '06 commented that she "thought all the January admits felt a great sense of accomplishment and closeness."

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Ahoy, Hamilton!

Students tell tales of semesters away

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Another semester at Hamilton begins. Temperatures are dropping, snow is falling, and the old question of "How was your break?" is echoing from Major to Burke Library. For some students, however, January brings not only a simple return to campus; it signals their triumphant return from a semester abroad.

Carla Fabrizi, Drew Conway, Joe Guastella, Emily Wasley, Carly Capitula, Stephanie Higgins, and Bob Diehl, all members of the class of 2004, spent the fall semester away from the Hill. Here's what they experienced:

Where did you go?
Emily: Columbia University's Biosphere 2 Center in Tucson Arizona for an environmental policy program, a.k.a. "Biodome with Pauly Shore."
Carly: The actual program was in Mystic, CT, but we took 3 field seminars: one on a traditionally-rigged tall ship for 10 days around Cape Cod and the coast of Maine, one to northern California (the San Francisco/Monterey Bay/Bodega Bay areas), and one to Nantucket.
Carla: Washington, D.C.
Drew: Washington, D.C.
Joe: Washington, D.C.
Bob: Washington, D.C.
Stephanie: King's College, London.

What did you miss most about Hamilton?
Emily: Having food already prepared for us.
Carly: My program was really small (around 20 students) so I missed the every day hustle and bustle of a campus.
Carla: My friends.
Drew: Sleeping in on weekdays.
Joe: An accessible gym, and believe it or not, Commons. I hated cooking my own food.
Bob: The Diner Staff.
Stephanie: Not having to get on a bus and then the tube to go to classes, and good-looking boys with straight teeth!

What is the biggest change you've noticed at Hamilton now that you're back?
Emily: I have no clue who anyone is! Everyone looks new to me.
Carly: Computers everywhere!
Carla: I was pleasantly surprised to find TVs in the fitness center.
Drew: No more stools in the diner, which is kind of sad, I guess.
Joe: Jukebox in the diner.
Bob: Well, there's a frickin' huge crane.
Stephanie: Televisions in the gym.

What did you not look forward to upon coming back to Hamilton?
Emily: The snow, after being in 80-degree weather for 3 months.
Carly: Being out in the country after living near the water for a semester.
Carla: The arctic tundra of Clinton, NY.
Drew: Two bars.
Joe: The booming, out-of-control social life... right.
Bob: The balmy weather.
Stephanie: Not being able to drink legally, and subzero weather.

What was better about where you were abroad as opposed to Hamilton?
Emily: Being in the actual environment that we were learning about was amazing and the professors were very personable and fun to

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Junior Emily Wasley made Tucson, Arizona's Biosphere 2 her home last semester.

The Spectator's Local Eatery Review

New Hartford's Café Del Buono recreates the food and atmosphere of a European pub

by James P. DuVernay '03
SENIOR FEATURES EDITOR

Having already enjoyed dining hall food again for nearly a week, students looking for a refreshing off-campus dining option should consider Café Del Buono.

Perhaps less heralded than its Commercial Drive counterparts such as Bella Cucina, this little bar and restaurant offers a rich, Italian-based menu and a casual pub atmosphere. Although not the least expensive restaurant, Café Del Buono serves well-prepared, tasty, and satisfying meals.

Both inside and out, Café del Buono presents striking contrasts. From the outside, a flashing arrow sign evoking a roadside motel points to a small, nondescript structure that looks more like a house than a restaurant.

Inside, patrons discover a surprisingly sophisticated, European-inspired menu served in the shadow of a lively barroom. With the interior space divided equally between the bar area and the dining room, Café Del Buono evokes the atmosphere of a European pub.

PHOTO BY JAMES P. DUVERNAY '03

Despite the patently cheesy flashing yellow arrow, Café Del Buono offers a sophisticated dining experience.

On a recent weekday evening after 7:30 p.m., the restaurant was still packed with a diverse clientele. Locals unwinding from a hard day socialized at the bar, while couples and families enjoyed themselves in the dining room.

The menu successfully builds from a solid base of Italian dishes complimented with other distinctively European elements. Starting the meal, appetizers range from typical items such as mozzarella sticks to more creative items such as European-style "Greens del Buono" and a quiche of the day. That French classic, escargot, often appears on the specials board.

One appetizer not to be missed is the "Pesto Garlic Bruschetta" for $2.25 — four generous pieces of Italian bread smothered in goat cheese and topped with a freshly made tomato and onion mixture. Another good starter is the homemade Soup du Jour. One recent evening featured an intriguing "Sweet Garlic Babbo." The soup's creamy and richly textured blend of vegetables was delicious and explained the waitress's difficulty in describing its composition.

Patrons should not overdo the appetizers because Café Del Buono follows them up with a nice selection of filling entrees. Dinner entrée prices range from $9.95 for pasta dishes to $16.95 for steaks, and except for the pasta, all come with a house salad and choice of potato, rice, or pasta.

Portions are large and come on attractive, colorful plates. Smaller options for lunch include the restaurant's hamburgers and stuffed sandwich platters.

From the seafood selections, the "Hot Antipasto Dinner" consists of an attractive assortment of seafood, vegetables, and pasta. Of the several veal options, the "Veal Mandia" stood out. Sautéed and broiled breaded veal is layered with fresh spinach, ham, and provolone, and served in a white wine, garlic, onion, and tomato sauce.

The large portions, along with the salad and side dishes, will provide more than enough food for a satisfying meal. Should room for dessert remain, the "Bananas Foster" provides a worthy conclusion to the meal. Despite its appealing name, the "Chocolate Lava Cake" is nothing more than a disappointing brownie with all the allure of a hockey puck, and almost as much taste.

Overall, the staff provides friendly, efficient service, although it varies significantly by waitress and busyness of the restaurant. On a recent evening, this reviewer's waitress ignored the table for several minutes before and after taking the order. The adjacent table, served by a different waitress, was checked on every two minutes. The service, improved, however, as the restaurant crowd thinned out.

In addition to the food, Café Del Buono offers both the benefits and drawbacks of a true pub environment. The softly lit dining room and bar offers a certain ambiance that pleasantly compliments the fine food. Conversations mingled in the air, flowing freely and loudly throughout the restaurant. Because the restaurant lacks a non-smoking section, the small space can quickly become smoky.

Owner and chef Eric Del Buono has operated the restaurant for about ten years in the present location. Reservations are accepted and useful on the busy Friday and Saturday nights. Located just past the entrance to the Hannaford's Shopping Center on Commercial Drive in New Hartford, the restaurant serves from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and the bar stays open later.

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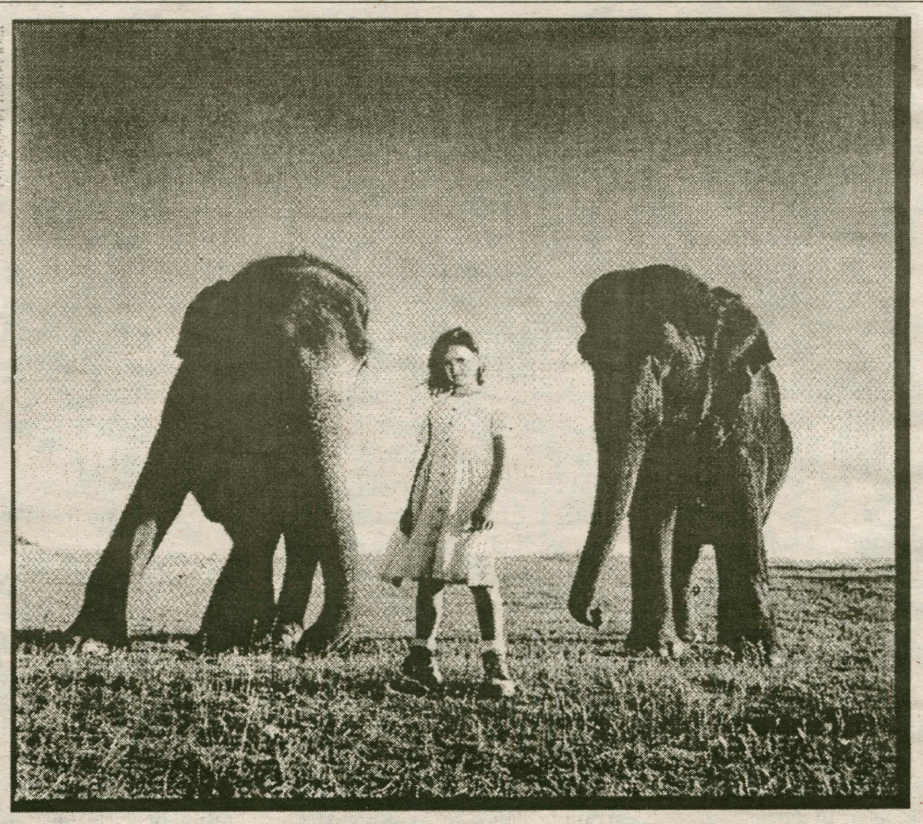
hang out with.
Carly: The chance to travel was amazing. I was also able to focus on maritime studies which is not possible at Hamilton.
Carla: There was always something fun to do in DC, and my apartment was much nicer than any dorm on campus.
Drew: The social scene.
Joe: Social options, and everything a city has to offer in comparison to Clinton.
Bob: I got to ride escalators.
Stephanie: British accents. Also, during class I could look out the window and see Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. Here, I look outside and see piles of dirty snow.

What was worse about where you were?
Carla: Going to class is much easier than commuting to my internship every day and working 9-6. The real world tires you out much more than college does. Also, cooking my own meals and cleaning my own bathroom wasn't much fun.
Drew: Having to walk in a zigzag pattern to avoid becoming sniper fodder.

What are you excited to do now that you're back?
Carly: Reunite with friends who stayed at Hamilton and those who traveled abroad.
Drew: I'm excited to get back to regular academic life.
Joe: See friends.
Bob: Ride the Utica Transit System.
Stephanie: Focus on my Studio Arts major.

Anything else?
Carly: I did a ton of school work last semester so it wasn't the typical semester "abroad" but the chance to meet people who have the same interests was awesome...also being away from Hamilton made me realize that it is a pretty good place to be!
Carla: Anyone who has the chance to go abroad should take it. It's an experience like no other. As a government major, I will never forget nor regret going to DC and being an actual part of the US government.
Drew: Everyone should take the opportunity to go abroad!



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Arts & Entertainment

In New York, It's The Music That Never Sleeps

Doug Lambert '06 investigates the underground music scene in New York City

Beginning with the gritty musical contrast offered by the *Velvet Underground* during the height of the sixties psychedelic era, and right up through the prime displays of true "punk" attitude manifested by the *Ramones*, *Television*, and Patty Smith in the late seventies, New York City has always been a place of musical rebellion. Between the vastness of the cityscape, the existence of an eponymous "attitude," and its label as "the city that never sleeps," there is no better environment for indifference towards musical trends.

***The Strokes* have recently been gaining popularity in New York City. They recently sold out the Roseland.**

In the face of disco and the never-ending guitar solos of the seventies music scene, the aforementioned bands, as well as others like *The New York Dolls* and *Richard Hell and the Voidoids* offered one refreshing thing: the punchy three minute rock song. Whether "punk," glam rock, or new wave, nearly every New York City band right up through the current musical scene offered something new, a refreshing taste to cleanse the palate of stale musical styles.

And thank God for that. The last few years of the past millennia seemed to offer nothing but musical boredom. The two options for success seemed to be "look cute, and learn how to dance, and your record company will take care of the rest" or "act as angry as possible, and kids will listen." Finally, bands are once again beginning to emerge that adhere to the tenants of true rock-n-roll stardom.

Whether circumstantial or well deserved, the popularity of *The Strokes* began the latest New York craze. Their songs offer simplicity, edginess sans aggression, unprecedented levels of catchiness, and lyrics that would make Lou Reed smile. In the wake of their popularity, several other New York bands are offering equally enticing albums. Brooklyn's trio *The Yeah Yeah Yeahs* released a five song EP of worthy 2 1/2 minute punk bubblegum. Manhattan's Interpol, who incidentally performed on January 18 at Cornell University, debuted their masterpiece "Turn on the Bright Lights" to impressive critical acclaim. It is filled with looming coming-of-age ballads, presented via intertwining guitar licks and stylistically brilliant drumming. These boys are a refreshing alternative to those unwilling to give *The Strokes* a listen.

In the wake of glam rock and C.B.G.B. "punk" attitude, the city that never sleeps has been continually offering trend breaking/setting bands, not only through sound, but clothing styles as well. The leather jacket, skinny tie, and ripped jean ensemble began with Dee Dee and Joey Ramone, as well as the short-lived band *Johnny Thunders and the Heartbreakers*, and has just recently resurfaced with *The Strokes* and *Interpol*. This stylistic reawakening has already begun to reflect upon other currently popular musicians, such as our worthy Canadian musician/friend Avril Lavigne, not to mention nearly every person in the audience when these New York bands play their hometown.

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The *Yeah Yeah Yeahs* have been very successful in the Brooklyn club scene. They just released a 5 song EP.

Much like the revolution set by the Seattle grunge counterparts *Pearl Jam* and *Nirvana* in the early 90s, these New York bands will inspire copycats, many of which would best be ignored. Fans will simply have to sit back, grin and bear all of the naysayers, and hope that this new revolution doesn't fade with over hyped critical praise. Either way, one thing remains clear: New York City music has been cool and refreshing in the past, and will be in the future.

Russian Ark: The Best Film of 2002

A&E Editor Whit Rothe '05 gives his opinion about last year's movies, and you are going to listen whether you like it or not!

2002 was, on the whole, a fantastic year for cinema. While it may have had its mediocre (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, *Star Wars: Episode II*) and abysmal pictures (*Men in Black II*, *Signs*, *Scooby Doo*, *The Bourne Identity*), the year had more highlights than low points. This can be seen in the very close Oscar race that will start in the next 2 months, where there is not one picture that is absolutely destined to win (example: *Chicago* sweeping the Golden Globes). There were many solid pictures that are in the running, such as *The Hours*, *Gangs of New York*, *About Schmidt*, *Adaptation*, and of course, *Chicago*. 2002 also saw the release of *The Two Towers* (which should outgross *The Fellowship of the Ring* within a week or two), another (and better) *Harry Potter* film, and two films directed by Steven Spielberg: *Minority Report* and *Catch Me if You Can*. Yes, it was a fabulous year for movies, but the best and least-known picture of last year might end up being relatively overlooked.

Russian Ark, directed by Alexander Sokurov, was shot entirely in 33 rooms of the famed Russian museum/palace, the Hermitage. The film takes the audience on a journey through 300 years of Russian history as characters are brought back to life in the halls of this landmark. In an interview in 2001, Sokurov said, "We will enter the Hermitage through the eye of the camera, encounter Peter the Great and Catherine, be caught up in the glamorous whirl of the ball, and attend a reception for foreign ambassadors given by Nicholas the First. We will meet the academic Orbelly, and Piotrovsky the Elder, former director of the Hermitage, see the palace during the Siege of Leningrad, and commune with Rembrandt through his paintings. The film will encompass history, politics, fine art, music and dancing."

The film boasts 2000 actors, three live orchestras, and one amazing characteristic: it was shot in one 90 minute long take, the longest in history. It is staggering to think that there is not one cut in *Russian Ark*, as most major films average around 700 cuts. The movie was also the first to be shot entirely in high definition video and stored uncompressed on a hard drive. Fortunately for *Russian Ark*, it is the gimmick that serves the content and not the other way around. There are no cuts in life; that explains the need for one long take.

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The magnificent ballroom scene is just one of the highlights of *Russian Ark*. The film was shot in one 90 minute take.

I had the esteemed privilege of seeing *Russian Ark* over break, and there is no question in my mind that not only was it the most original, but it was the best movie of 2002 and definitely one of the finest films I have ever seen. The movie is about seeing history in its natural state and that while many things change over time, some things stay the same. There are no major plot developments or twists in *Russian Ark*. While the film may seem a little confusing at first (there are subtitles), I found myself completely swept away by the characters and the visuals. The ballroom dance scene is one of the most fabulously composed of all time, and should go down in history as such. And yet, I also felt sad while seeing some of the greatest masterpieces ever created, spectacular past eras, and people long gone. The film reminded me that some day our era will pass too, only to be remembered through history. And yet, like the Hermitage Museum, the Russian Ark, some things will always remain, and the ghosts of the past will linger on.

For more information about *Russian Ark*, check out:

http://www.wellspring.com/russianark/home.html

Shopgirl by Steve Martin

Between the sheets: book reviews by Taylor Fleming-Henning '04

Maybe it's my own experience as a bored clerk, leaning over a counter, waiting for customers to not buy anything; maybe it's the draw of a recognizable name, or maybe it's the canned air they pump through Barnes and Noble that makes me feel so intellectual, and subsequently, so motivated to read read read (which means first I need to buy buy buy...). Well, whatever it was, the slim red cover caught my eye. *Shopgirl*, the newest/first/only novella by actor and playwright Steve Martin (yep Father-of-the-Bride-Little-Shop-of-Horrors-Steve Martin.) I'd seen *Bowfinger*, which he wrote and in which he acted. A few years back, I went to a play he had written called *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. It was just so frikken funny, out there, and downright entertaining, that I knew this book had to be good.

Turns out it isn't anything like his wacky theatrical endeavors, but I guess there isn't really a comparison for a play where Elvis appears in a puff of smoke to a French café filled with fellow patrons Picasso and Einstein. In contrast, this is a short, but slow moving story of a bored salesgirl at the glove counter at a Neiman Marcus store in L.A. In a lot of ways, the plot is pretty typical: a girl with your average mildly traumatic past is bored by current monotonous quality of her life, love and occupation. She wants to be an artist, takes antidepressants, and is a loner. But then, an interesting older man enters her life and she is forced to come to terms with her identity though reevaluating her priorities and learning self-love. Deep. It is not exactly original or boundary-breaking, and yet, I read all 130 pages in one sitting and left feeling sated and happy, like at the completion of a rich, but non-exotic meal.

The language of the book is fairly simplistic and easy to follow, but Steve Martin's writing is smooth and intelligent. It's also full of insightful references relevant to the modern and culturally conscientious reader. His biggest strength is the verisimilitude of his characters. They are normal people with depression problems; they are children of Vietnam Vets with deep, dark secrets; they are kids with crappy, nowhere jobs; they are aspiring artists with no prospects; they are people trying to covertly sleep their way up the social ladder. Some of them are successful in their endeavors, others just stagnate, but either way, they are entirely believable and seem quite real, though they may not be overly loveable or hateful. They are extraordinarily ordinary, and therefore accessible.

I would recommend this book for an easy read that lacks the fluff and tastelessness of your average grocery store literature. Rather, it is tasty morsel of literary cuisine that will leave you licking your lips.

*Martin, Steve. *Shopgirl*. Hyperion: New York. 2000.

LAST WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

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2. *National Security*
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3. *Just Married*
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4. *Catch Me If You Can*
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5. *The Lord of the Ring: The Two Towers*
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CAB Winter Events: Right Up Your Alley

Katey Healy-Wurzburg '05 gives a partial selection of the best stuff happening this semester. Get your calendars out and make plans!

Well, a new semester has begun, or should we say, blown frozenly across our chilly paths. However, fear not, new and old readers alike, for I will help to save you from the winter doldrums! Your friendly, er, friends at the Campus Activities Board have been slaving away to provide you all with a great semester of trips, concerts and comedy acts to please even the hardest Hamilton heart. But enough of this talk of arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries of the heart! Get it!? Haha!!), and on to the events! I just love keeping you all in the dark, so I will only reveal the events of the coming two months. Muahahaha!!

For Special Events, we have a bus trip to New York City to see Lorraine Bracco in *The Graduate* coming up right away, on next Saturday, February 1st. The trip will be thirty dollars per person, and tickets will be sold this Sunday at 2 pm in the coolness that is the basement of Bristol. Friday, February 7, will see the hilarious conversion of the Annex into a comedy club to host the comedic stylings of , who has been all over Comedy Central. The start of FebFest the following week sees the Monday night (Feb. 10) premier of this semester's Acoustic Coffeehouse series. The series will present Catie Curtis in the Barn, with the traditional free Opus goodies to warm you up from head to toe. Or, at the very least, your mouth and the hand holding the cup. Anyway, that Friday the 14th (Valentine's Day!!) will see the music of the reggae band *John Brown's Body* and the ska fun and freneticness of *The Pietasters*. The next Saturday, February 22, Wellin Hall will be invaded by the very talented jazz saxophonist and musician Josh Redman and the jazz funk fusion of *Soulive*. That will be an amazing show, so keep your ears to the ground for information about seating and ticketing for that event. Wrapping up February, Acoustic Coffeehouse will present Jeff Lang in the Barn. He is an up-and-coming Austrailian singer-songwriter, so I am sure it will be worth coming to just for the accent. No, no, just kidding. Well, mostly.

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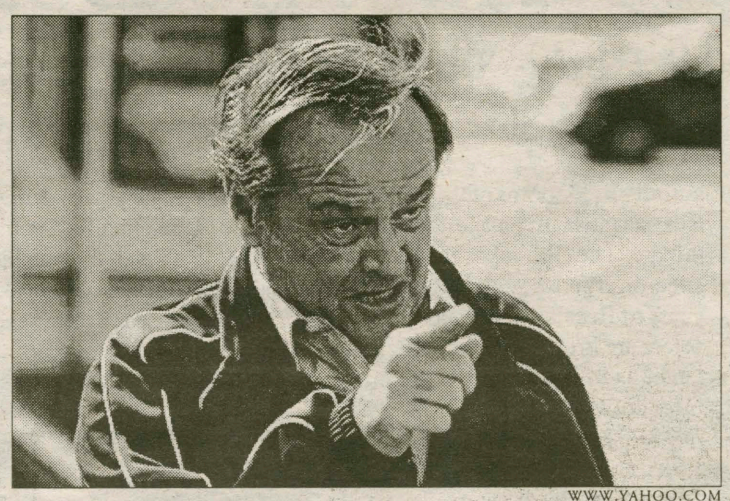
Check out the jamming *Soulive* in Wellin Hall on February 22.

My fiendish plot to extend the number of articles I can get out of this subject will be carried through in my next attempt to get you excited about, er, inform you of, CAB's upcoming events. Until then, friends, adieu, adieu. And remember, stay warm this during this freezing time by cuddling with your favorite Cabbies this semester. We love it!

Movie News: *About Schmidt*

Co-editor Christopher Fogelstrom '03 gives *Schmidt* a look



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Jack Nicholson plays Warren Schmidt, an unremarkable man on all accounts. Get your Schmidt down to Sangertown before this leaves the theaters.

Life has just taken a drastic turn. Your wife of 42 years has died, you have just retired from your job and sole purpose in life, and your only child is about to marry a mullet-sporting waterbed salesman. Welcome to the life of Warren Schmidt, recent retiree of Woodmen of the World Insurance Company. In About Schmidt, Jack Nicholson plays Schmidt, a man who is desperate to find meaning in his otherwise uninteresting existence.

With nothing to do and no one to talk to, Schmidt decides to take the road trip he and his wife had been planning since before her death. Schmidt has a different destination in mind though - Denver, the home of his only child, Jeannie. Schmidt hopes to help his daughter plan her wedding, but his trip takes an unexpected turn when Jeannie requests, via a gas station pay phone, that Schmidt turn right around and go home. It seems that no one, even Jeannie, has any use for Schmidt anymore.

At this point, Schmidt's trip takes a turn for the self-reflective. Schmidt decides to use his newly purchased Winnebago to traverse the countryside, visiting the places where he grew up and generally taking in the sights. From here, Schmidt's life turns into a series of comedic events.

The third satirical film for writer/director Alexander Payne, About Schmidt is dry and funny, a dark comedy to rival Payne's critically acclaimed Election. Nicholson delivers an incredible performance, forcing the audience to laugh at his absurdly awkward demeanor. Schmidt is someone who looks and acts unimportant; he is someone whom one wouldn't notice in a crowded room. Nicholson portrays the thoroughly uninteresting Schmidt with such amazing results that it is easy to forget that Schmidt is Nicholson. Such an effect on an audience is difficult to achieve for such a highly recognizable actor, yet Nicholson does it. It is no wonder that both he and the movie won Golden Globe Awards.

Another acting highlight of

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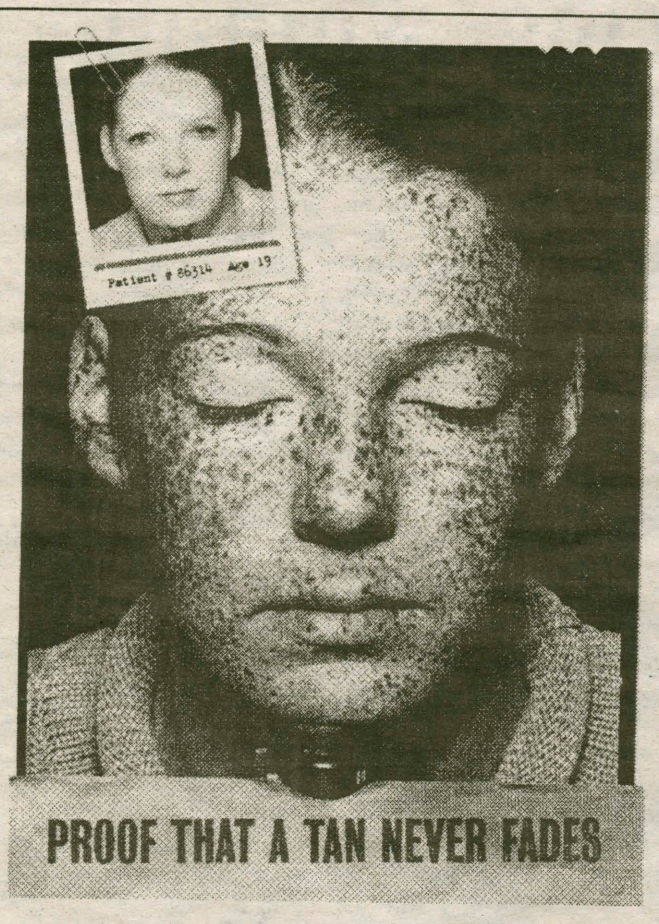

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Best Motion Picture - Drama
The Hours

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama
Nicole Kidman *The Hours*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture - Drama
Jack Nicholson *About Schmidt*

Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy
Chicago

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy
Renee Zellweger *Chicago*

Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy
Richard Gere *Chicago*

Best Foreign Language Film
Talk to Her (Spain)

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture
Meryl Streep *Adaptation*

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture
Chris Cooper *Adaptation*

Best Director - Motion Picture
Martin Scorsese *Gangs of New York*

Best Screenplay - Motion Picture
Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor *About Schmidt*

Best Original Score - Motion Picture
Elliot Goldenthal *Frida*

Best Original Song - Motion Picture
"The Hands that Built America" U2 *Gangs of New York*

Best Television Series - Drama
The Shield (FX)

Best Television Series - Musical or Comedy
Curb Your Enthusiasm (HBO)

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Holy *Schmidt!*

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the movie is Kathy Bates, who plays Jeannie's fiancé's mother. Bates, the free-spirited and vocal Roberta Hertzel, is the perfect foil to Nicholson's Schmidt. Her sexual advances towards Schmidt make up one of the most memorable comedic moments of the movie. Last but certainly not least is Hope Davis as Jeannie Schmidt. Davis' character is easy to identify with. Davis plays the distant relationship with her father, and the uncomfortable exchanges resulting from their estrangement, with painfully realistic precision.

A trip to see his daughter turns into a series of events that help Schmidt to accept himself. The audience is aware of Schmidt's mental processes through his correspondence with his Tanzanian "son" Ndugu, a child he adopted through a Save the Children-type program. Schmidt chronicles his life, pouring his heart out and leaving nothing to the imagination, in his letters to Ndugu. Ultimately, Schmidt's search for purpose in his life, a life that he considers as mediocre and meaningless at many points during the film, will begin and end, as the movie does, with Ndugu.

About Schmidt is, in a word, real. At the beginning of the movie, Warren Schmidt is a character that every person hopes he/she will never resemble. This hope is profound because it is fairly easy to picture oneself in Schmidt's shoes. By the end of the movie, however, Payne makes a potent point about the power of true self-reflection.

Men's hockey keeps scoring, winning

Offensive-minded Continentals win four of five

by Charles Spiliotis '03
Sports Editor

After a hot start, the men's hockey team has managed to carry its momentum through winter break and win four of its last five. After dispensing of Wesleyan, Amherst, Southern Maine, and Salem State, all on the road, the Continentals have propelled themselves to a 9-3-1 record and a #14 national ranking.

"We're really motivated to win. We have a championship so we can surprise some teams late in the year."

The four recent Hamilton victories were all league contests and none were closer than four goals, outscoring its competition by a 24-7 margin. Leading much of the charge is rookie sensation Gus Katsuras '06, whose fifteen goals are tied for fourth in the nation, and whose six shorthanded goals are tops in Division III. Team points leader once again is captain Rob Gordon '03, a single point ahead of Katsuras with six goals and a team-high fifteen assists. The Hamilton offensive machine is averaging 5.77 goals per game, good enough for fourth in the nation behind only Norwich, R.I.T., and Babson, and leads the nation with ten shorthanded goals.

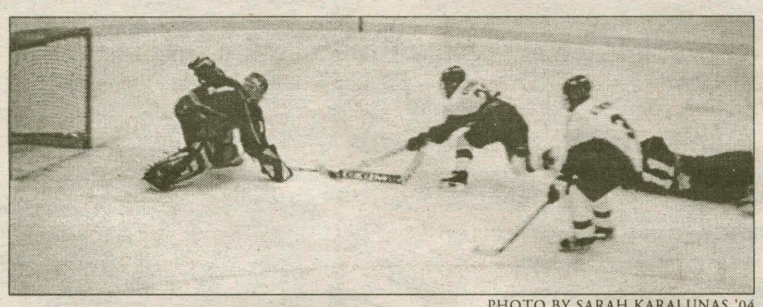


PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Gus Katsuras (21) and Elliot Altberg (3) crash the net

in mind, so we're playing together and being successful as a team," said forward Craig Kennedy '05, who has regis tered a goal and seven assists thus far. "I like playing the tough teams at the end of the season. We are well prepared

Forward Jeff Corey '04, who has contributed 16 points to the attack, commented, "We are a huge offensive threat, one of the highest scoring teams in the country. Lines one through four can all score every time on the ice, but we're also a very well-rounded team. We've gotten huge goaltending and good defense just about every game."

Kennedy added, "We really have a lot of offensive power. We have rookies stepping up and seniors that are playing very well. Our weakness may be not winning big games; we need to be consistent and we'll be fine.

The Continentals first non-conference loss of the year came at the hands of the Oswego Great Lakers on Tuesday night in front of a packed house at the Golden Romney Fieldhouse.

Oswego came out firing, racking up seventeen shots in the first period alone, while the Conts seemed a bit out of focus. Regardless, Hamilton kept itself in the game, and after fighting to a scoreless tie after the first, would trade second period goals with the home team. Kevin Audit '03 netted his twelve goal of the year at the 6:29 mark, and Hamilton then battled to keep Oswego off the board. Early in the third, however, the Lakers would net a pair within 30 seconds of each other to take a commanding 3-1 lead with under fifteen minutes to play.

But once again Katsuras would provide the spark, taking a Scott Gordon '04 pass and dumping it past Oswego goalie Joe Lofberg. Unfortunately, with under four minutes to play, Hamilton was running out of time. As the clock ticked down to a minute, coach Grady pulled goalie Gabe Tash '06 and attacked the Lakers in a six-on-five situation.

With 25 ticks left, the gamble paid dividends, as Katsuras struck again, this time from Kennedy and Elliot Altberg '05, tying it at three apiece. But all the Hamilton excitement proved to be for naught, as Oswego's Jean-Simon Richard beat Tash for the unassisted game-winner.

"We didn't play our best game. Our heads just weren't in it from the very beginning. We got a little bit lucky to come back, but we couldn't pull it off," said Kennedy of the defeat.

Corey added, "It was a real letdown for us; we fought hard to come back and to see it slip away a couple of minutes into overtime was difficult."

Tash stopped 41 of the 45 Laker shots in the loss, but the onslaught proved to be too much, as the Hamilton offense just could not keep up.

"Losses can be turned into a learning experience. It's better for us for this to happen early in the season than late; it gives us a chance to improve and be at our best come playoff time," said Altberg.

Hamilton prepares for its first home weekend in nearly six weeks this weekend as it takes on Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts tonight and Skidmore on Saturday. Mass. College comes in with just a 3-8-1 record, but the Trailblazers are carrying the momentum of a two game winning streak.

Skidmore looks much the same: the Thoroughbreds come into Sage with just a 3-9-1 record but did sweep fellow NESCAC programs Conn. College and Tufts last weekend.

Hamilton will have to play hard and be sure not to look past either Mass. College or Skidmore if the team will be able to grab some momentum going into its toughest games of the year.

National Polls bring madness before March

by Brett Zalaski '03
Sports Writer

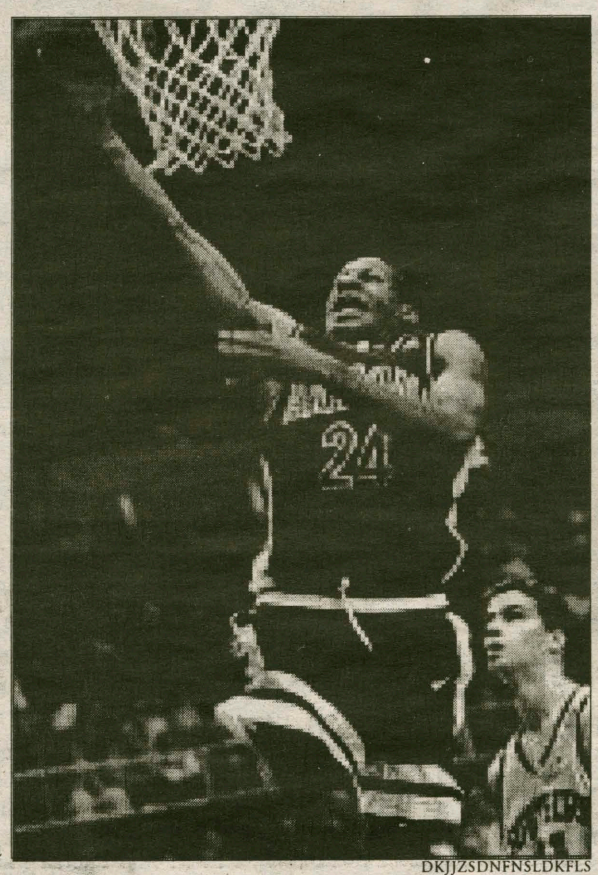
I'm sick of looking at the polls every week and I'm sick of ESPN's "Bracketology." Stop the madness! The polling system has become a revolving door in which major conference teams have not lost in the longest period of time. Duke is young and good, but I think you would have to live in a cave not to realize that Arizona is the best basketball team in the country right now.

On their website, ESPN has the "Power 16," "Rankings," "Bracketology," "Mid-major Top 10" (WHAT????), and "Fan's Poll Top 25" (Wha-WHAT????). I think that is plenty. Pre-season polls are cute because they give you something to look forward to during the season. They provide an outline to follow as the season goes along. How did this analyst do? How accurate was this expert?

During the season, polls have no business taking up this much of our time. I'm a UCONN fan, and they, at no point this season, were a top 5 team in the country, much less the #3 team in the country. They are good, young, and talented, but there are teams that are obviously better than they are at this point. There is more reason to look at how individual players are doing during the season. Fans should hold much more stock in player value than in team rankings.

The ranking system is unbelievably biased as well. While, at long last, Arizona is finally back on top of the polls, I don't think there are any sportswriters or coaches who truly believed that Duke was the #1 team in the country. They felt obligated to vote for them because they went a long time without losing.

On the flip side, a team like Creighton, though with only one loss, has only recently cracked the top 10, topping out at #9. Creighton has defeated BYU and Nebraska this year to another underrated mid-major school, Xavier, who also features a Player of the Year candidate in David West, and that was only by two points. Beyond the Notre Dame and Xavier games, Creighton has not had a game decided in the final minute yet.



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Arizona's high powered offense is leading the Pac 10 in scoring at 85 ppg.

At the end of the season, when the smoke clears on the season, it is then time to rank the top teams in college basketball. The NCAA college basketball tournament is not the guessing game that the NCAA Bowl Championship Series is.

In football, teams sign bowl bids, at times, before they play their final games. That is why football rankings are important. Teams need a sense of where they are before they decide which bowl they will accept a bid from. Also, the bowls need a sense of who the teams that they should ask are. The NCAA tournament selection occurs after the end of the season, and thus a ranking does not need to be put into place until then.

I understand that there is a nationwide obsession to rank everything. In fact, I can get into it from time-to-time. But normally rankings are done after the fact. Movies are not ranked as a top movie of the year if people have only seen the theatrical trailer. The season is the theatrical trailer that leads to the main event, March Madness, the greatest sports spectacle on the planet. Let the rankings come at the end, when the previews are over.

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Continentals Return to Busy Schedule

by Josh Sargen '05
Associate Sports Editor

While most Hamilton students were relaxing during their month long winter break, the Women's basketball team was hard at work facing five opponents in a ten-day span.

The Continentals returned to the Hill on New Year's Day and had six days to prepare for their first test of the second semester, a trip to Elmira College. That practice time paid dividends in the form of a convincing 62-51 victory.

Offensively, the Continentals benefited from balanced scoring and solid free throw shooting. The team shot seventy-three percent from the line and had five players score seven or more points. Furthermore, the team was able to overcome an average shooting night with effective offensive rebounding.

On the defensive end, Hamilton held the Soaring Eagles to a dismal twenty-five percent shooting from the field. The Continentals frustrated Elmira's point guard, Jennifer Parker, and forced her into committing seven turnovers.

Three nights later, SUNY Utica/Rome visited Scott Field House and faced an impressive Continental frontcourt.

Tricia Czeski '05, Holly Erick '04, and Anna Jablonski '05 dominated the SUNY frontcourt and led Hamilton to a 78-60 win.

Erick and Czeski carried the load offensively, scoring nineteen points each on a combined 15-23 shooting effort. Jablonski cleared the offensive and defensive boards collecting sixteen total rebounds and six offensive boards.

The real story of this game was Erick's breakout performance. The 6'2" center had been effective in spurts this season , but had struggled to play consistently due to foul trouble. On this night, Erick was able to stay on the floor for twenty-four productive minutes and shut down her 6'2" counterpart.

Coach Julie Diehl had nothing but praise for her center after the game. "Holly dominated this game and we ran the offensive through her. Defensively, she did a great job. [Her match-up] was quick but Holly stayed out of foul trouble."

Diehl went on to explain that, "A lot of how we play as a team depends on Holly. The kids really rally around her on the offensive end."

After two consecutive wins, the Continentals traveled to SUNY Oswego to face a tough Lakers team. Oswego pounced upon Hamilton from the opening tip-off and stormed to a nineteen point first half lead.

In the second half, the Continentals climbed back into the game behind Missy Nelson's '06 eighteen-point effort.

Down the stretch, Nelson, Czeski, and Jessica Gorman '06 buried threes to close the Oswego lead to three points. However, the Lakers hit their free throws at the end of the game and sealed a 64-60 victory.

Diehl complimented her players on their competitiveness and composure at the end of the game. "At the end, we executed well under pressure. We hit those three baskets and almost made it a one-point game. The team showed a lot of heart and I enjoyed watching them in the second half."

Despite their close loss to Oswego, Hamilton bounced back in its next game against Clarkson and came away with a 65-58 win.

According to Diehl, "The team's work before the game helped neutralize Clarkson's main strength, their interior offense. The kids trusted the scout. Their two post players are their leading scorers and we knew we had to keep track of Bridget Sweeney. We doubled down on the post when we needed to and we executed defensively very well."

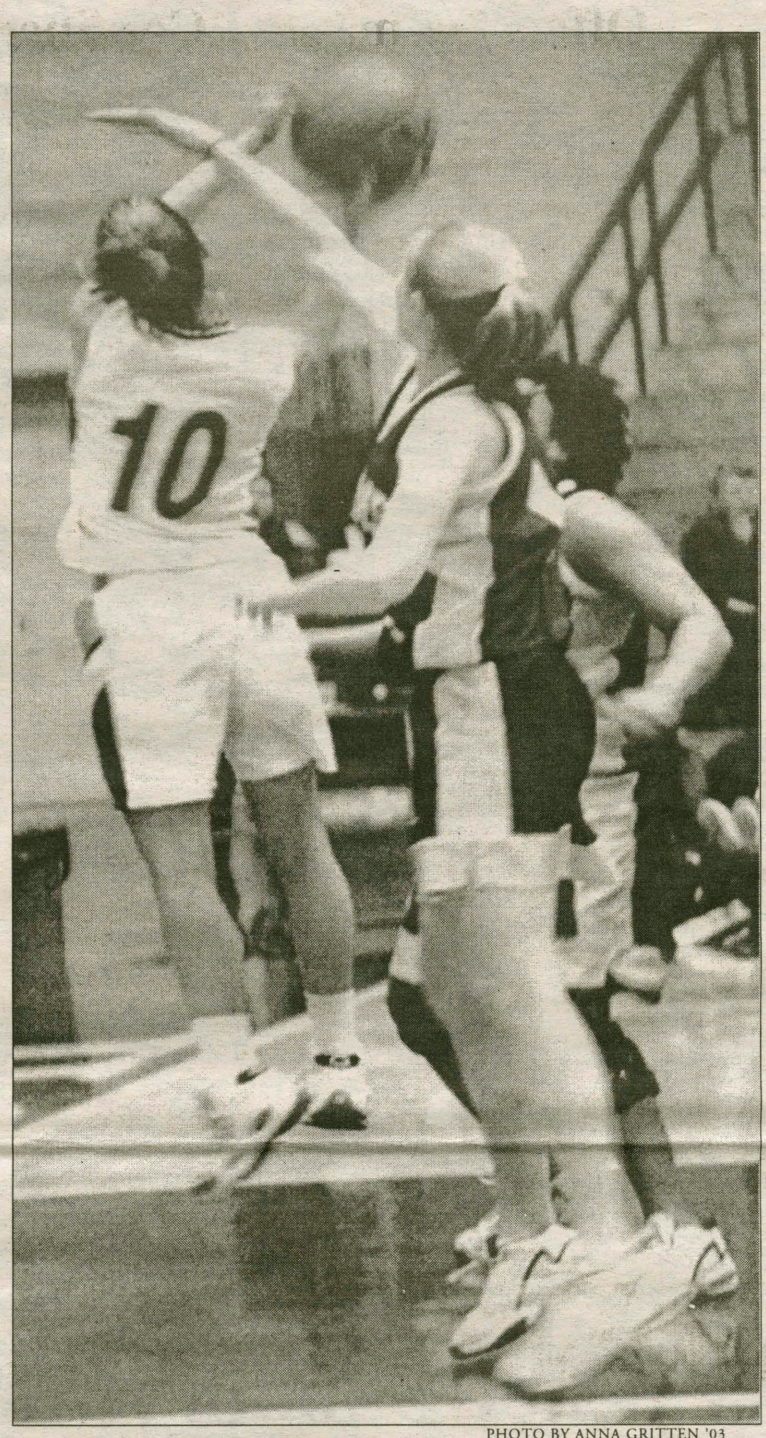

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Larissa Hopkins (10) takes it to the basket and finishes.

One day later, the Continentals faced a difficult test in NESCAC rival St. Lawrence. Once again, Hamilton fell behind to a quality opponent early and St. Lawrence went into halftime with a 46-27 lead. The Continentals played a solid second half but the game was ultimately over at halftime and the Saints cruised to an 82-63 victory.

St. Lawrence's perimeter style of play seemed to catch the Continentals off-guard in the first half.

"We were not prepared to guard them as a perimeter team," Diehl said. "In the past they have taken it to the basket but when you lose the National Player of the Year, it's tough to figure out how they are going to play."

After break ended this past Monday, the Continentals welcomed Williams and their number one ranking in the northeast to Scott Field House. In a reversal of fortunes from its last game, Hamilton played a tough first half and battled Williams to a 28-28 tie at halftime.

Nevertheless, in the second half, Williams' experience showed and the Purple Cows pulled away for a 66-42 win.

Diehl explained that, "They have a strong leadership base and they have the experience of playing together for four years. That experience helped them down the stretch."

Diehl went on to say, "We slid in terms of finishing in the second half and they made their shots."

Now that students are back on campus, the Continentals will be away from home for five straight games during their longest road trip of the season. At 5-6, this upcoming stretch of games is important for the youthful Continentals' season. If the team can play with more consistency, they should fare very well on the road.

As Coach Diehl said, "If we can all click on one night, it will be ugly for the other team."

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Sports

Men's Hoops leaps towards top of UCAA

by Andy Horner '03
Sports Writer

While most Hamilton students were at home lounging in front of the television during winter break, the men's basketball team was quietly running through a seven-game schedule of high-quality opposition. Starting with a December 28th drubbing of Messiah College, the Continentals proceeded to go 6-1 over a stretch that established the squad as one of the teams to beat going into UCAA play.

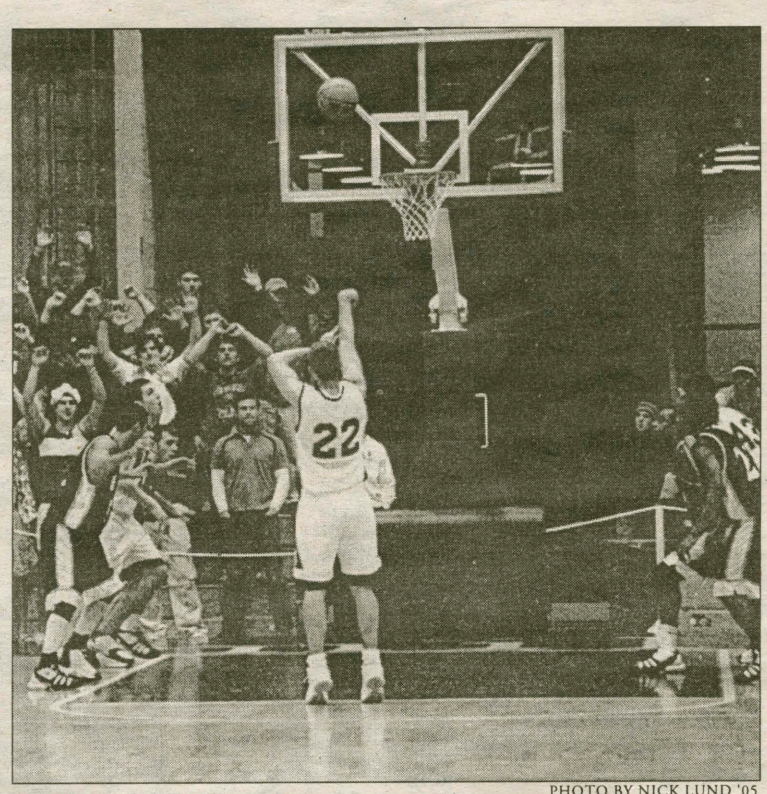
The Continentals followed up their 82-61 win over Messiah with an extremely impressive performance against the 24th-ranked Division III team in the nation, NC Wesleyan. The Continentals used an overpowering first-half performance, as well as forward Joe Finley's ('03) game-high 26 points, to down their skilled opponents by a final score of 86-79.

Having won both their games in Daytona Beach, the Hamilton men then moved on to York, Pennsylvania, to participate in the third Annual Coaches vs. Cancer Classic. With tough wins over Albright College and Asbury College, the Continentals came north with a tournament victory.

The next stop for the men was Williamstown, Massachusetts, for a date with third ranked Williams College. The Continentals stayed right with the high-powered Ephs, but in the second half Williams used their home-court advantage, as well as a 56% field goal percentage, to pull away and send the Continentals to only their second defeat of the season.

Despite the loss, the Hamilton men felt prepared to tackle their UCAA schedule, which began last Friday with a home contest against longtime rival Clarkson University. The Continentals came out in the first half looking as if they were ready to back up their impressive non-conference record as they jumped out to a 44-38 lead at halftime. The second half was more of the same for Hamilton, as the home team used stellar defense to limit the Golden Knights to only 27 points on 40 percent field goal shooting.

As usual, Finley led the Continentals in the scoring column with a game-high 18 points on 7-13 shooting from the field. Shooting guard Kevin Yanni '03, whose outside touch has complemented Finley's inside presence nicely so far this year, chipped in with 17 points, while C.J. Cantil '04 contributed 14 points. Finley's partner on the low blocks, forward Joe Smith '04, turned in his usual all-around game, pulling down 13 rebounds while scoring 13 points.



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Senior guard Tim Fesko sinks a foul shot

With their first conference win under their belts, the Continentals had little time to celebrate, as the second foe of their all-UCAA weekend invaded Scott Fieldhouse the very next day. St. Lawrence, with whom the Continentals have had a spirited rivalry for the past few seasons, came in hoping to continue their recent success against Hamilton.

Hamilton came out fast at the start of the game, and quickly established a double-digit lead. The Saints, however, proceeded to spend the remainder of the half erasing the Continentals' early lead, and by halftime St. Lawrence had clawed back to within one point.

Hamilton came out in the second half firing and playing more tenacious defense, and its lead soon swelled back to double-digits. The rest of the half was a defensive clinic by the Continentals, as they held the Saints to only 28 percent shooting. Offensively, the Continentals again enjoyed solid performances from both Joe's, as Finley and Smith combined for 32 points and 25 rebounds. The back scoring was provided courtesy of Yanni, who scored 17, and point guard Greg Leone '04, who chipped in 16 points and four assists.

With the victory, Hamilton's overall record improved to 9-2 and its conference record jumped to 2-0, good for second place in the UCAA. Overall the team seems to be clicking on all cylinders, though it will face stiff tests this weekend in the forms of arch-rival Union and Skidmore. Both games will be away as the Continentals spend the weekend in the Capital District.

"The last two games were big wins for us," said Finley. "It was important that we started the league off right with 2 wins. We put ourselves in good position."

He added, "We are starting to play as a team. Our defense has picked up and we have been outrebounding teams as well."

Women's Hockey Building Momentum

by Andrew DeCastro '05
Sports Writer

The women's hockey team is entering the final half of the season with a full head of steam. The Continentals won their last three NESCAC games, putting them in third place in NESCAC play.

The Continentals latest victim was Amherst College. They beat the Lord Jeffs 8-2 at Sage Rink on Tuesday night. Leading the way for the Continentals was Zoe Baldwin '06, who had a stellar five-point performance, netting a hat trick and giving two helpers during the game. With Baldwin's performance Tuesday night, she leads the team in scoring with seventeen goals and eight assists.

Not only did Baldwin have a solid game, but Jess Morin '05, Eden Self '04, and Jane Bradley '06 had breakout games. Each player had three points, and was an integral part of Hamilton's success against Amherst.

"Against Amherst, everything clicked," said Marissa Halligan." We came out flying from the first drop of the puck. We won all the little battles. We played well in all zones. We dominated the game," she continued. As the game progressed our confidence grew, and we were fortunate to have contributions from a bunch of players."

Last Saturday, Hamilton beat Wesleyan, 4-2. Self led the Continentals in scoring with a goal and two assists. Baldwin chipped in with a goal and an assist in the win. But the MVP against Wesleyan was perhaps captain Jen Kroleski '03, who was bombarded with shots from the Cardinals. Despite the Continentals being outshot 39-24, Kroleski stopped 37 of 39 shots faced, using her skill and experience to lead the Continentals to victory.

Prior to the win against Wesleyan, the Continentals defeated Trinity College, 6-3. Baldwin again led the way with a goal and two assists, while Halligan added a goal.

"We knew that this game was crucial. This was the first of three extremely important NESCAC games. We wanted to start out on a winning note. This

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Zoe Baldwin leads the Continentals in scoring

gave us confidence heading into the other two games," added Halligan.

Hamilton's success this year is welcomed after its disappointing season a year ago. Why have they been so much more successful this year than last?

"We have a lot more depth this year. We can play three lines throughout the game. Coach Bryant has confidence in putting out any line in any given situation," said assistant captain Paula Dady '03.

"We also have a lot more experience this year. The older players have elevated their game to another level. Jen has played phenomenal during the season, and our success will continue if Jen keeps stopping shots."

Hamilton is currently 7-4 on the season and 5-2 in divisional play, but they have a formidable test this weekend, going up against the elite Middlebury and Williams. The Continentals need to be flawless at all ends, and most importantly, limit their mistakes in the defensive zone. The players will have to elevate their game and come out flying for every shift. Any letdown could lead to a scoring barrage from Middlebury or Williams, and Kroleski certainly needs to bring her 'A' game for Hamilton to beat either team.

Self had a couple of thoughts about the crucial two games coming up. "We are very excited about being third in NESCAC play, but we're not content with third place. We have a tough weekend ahead. Not only do we need to match Middlebury and William's intensity, but we need to beat it. We need to win all the battles. We need to want it more. If that happens, we have a very good shot."

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